



# ELEMENTS OF THE NEW MODERN ENERGY REGULATOR

**CLEANER ENVIRONMENT. STRONGER ECONOMY.** The Government of Canada is putting in place better rules to protect our environment and **rebuild public trust** in how decisions about resource development are made. With these better rules, Canadians, companies and investors can be confident that **good projects** will be built in a way that **protects our environment** while **creating jobs** and **growing our economy**.

Here are some key elements of the current regulator vs. the proposed modern energy regulator:

## CURRENT ENERGY REGULATOR

Potential conflict related to those setting strategic and those responsible for adjudicating regulatory matters

Perception that the Board is closely linked to industry.

The timeline for non-designated projects is 450 days.

Authority of inspection officers is limited.

No legislative authority for regulating offshore renewable energy (ORE) resources in the federal offshore.

A strict test is used to determine who can participate during a project hearing.

Project reviews are used for debate on broad climate and energy policy issues.

Concerns have been raised regarding the way in which regulator collects, uses and protects Indigenous knowledge.

## PROPOSED MODERN ENERGY REGULATOR

A Chief Executive Officer would be established who is separate from the Chair.

A Board of Directors would be established to provide strategic direction, and a separate group of Commissioners (i.e., adjudicators) would be created.

Remove the requirement for adjudicators to reside in Calgary.

At least one member of the Board of Directors and one Commissioner would need to be First Nations, Métis or Inuit.

The legislated timeline for non-designated projects would be shortened to 300 days.

Inspection officers would have the authority to act quickly and order work stopped on a project that is operating unsafely or not meeting conditions.

The regulator would have legislative authority to regulate ORE projects and ORE power lines in the federal offshore.

The standing test would be eliminated to ensure that any member of the public can express their views.

Generation Energy, an ongoing dialogue with Canadians on energy issues, will provide a venue for policy debates on climate and energy issues outside of the formal regulatory process.

The regulator would be required to consider Indigenous knowledge provided during project reviews, and protections would be set out in legislation and regulations.

