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Sent: Wednesday, March 28, 2018 8:09 AM

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**Subject:** Lake Erie Wind Turbines

I am opposed to the installation of wind turbines in Lake Erie. We have a beautiful asset in the lake and the implications to the fishing, bird migration, and overall visibility will have a negative impact. I would ask that the board not consider this option.

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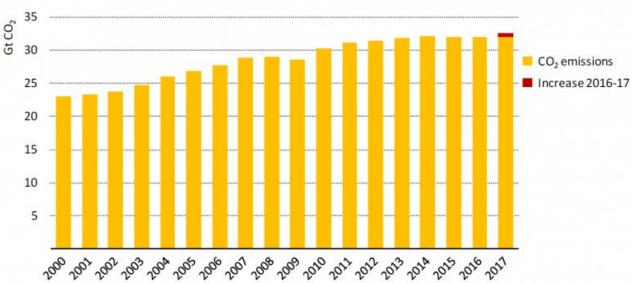
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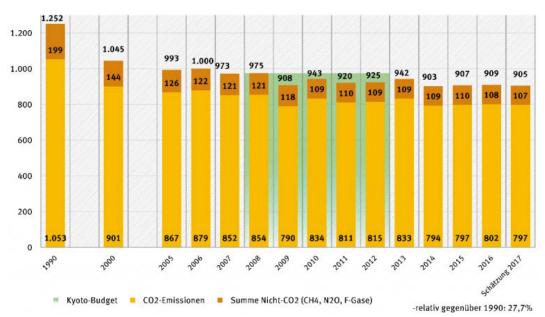
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http://poweradvisoryllc.com/potential-portfolio-sale-review-of-nextera-energy-canadian-assets/

While of course Next Era suggests tax advantages to moving assets to the US, and a sale to the Canada Pension Fund, which can easily handle the sure to come lower asset values, what is very clear is that Ontario is no longer "friendly" to wind and solar subsidy gougers, and the end is nigh. There are several possibilities that have been suggested: for sure the Premier will end the Green Energy Act of 2009. Following that, subsidies may be curtailed or stopped altogether. Loans and favored access to the grid, as well as other perks of the industry, may be seen as noncompetitive to Ontario's energy mix, and consumers, and it is entirely possible also that new safety parameters may be put in place, to independently measure and control dBa, Infra Sound, vibration, and shadow flicker. Legal pundits have suggested for some time now that the contracts are "odious," and non binding.

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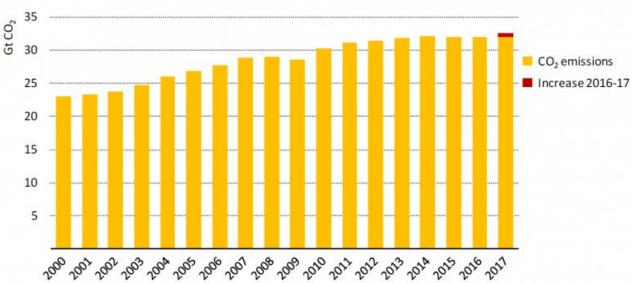
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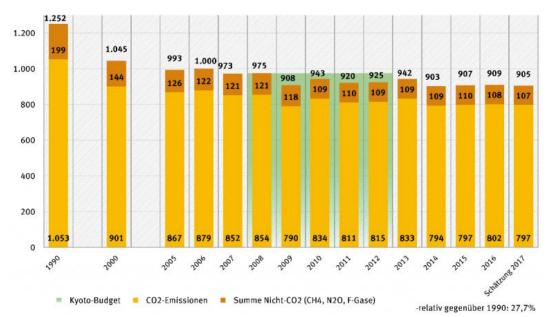
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