

Canadian Hydropower in the North American Context

Canada-US Relations Opportunities and Challenges

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About the CABC

The CABC is the voice of business in the world's most prosperous relationship. Established in 1987 in Washington, D.C., the council is a non-profit, non-partisan, issues-oriented organization dedicated to elevating the private sector perspective on issues that affect our two nations.

Our members are key business leaders and stakeholders from both sides of the border. The Council's activities include high-level briefings on issues of current concern, assistance with practical trade and policy challenges, significant networking opportunities and informative seminars.

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CABC Policy Priorities

- ◆ The Council promotes the unique relationship between Canada and the U.S.
- ◆ The Council stands for economic recovery and North American competitiveness
- ◆ The Council promotes free trade and opposes protectionism
- ◆ The Council promotes a collaborative approach to energy security and sustainability
- ◆ The Council stands for improving the efficiency of the Canada/U.S. border

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New Era in Canada/US Relations

Barack, Canadians want to know,
when are you going to start
following me on Twitter?



Mid-term Elections

Governor's Races

- 37 States will elect governors this fall
- 23 States have open races, with no incumbent running

Congressional Races

- House: 255 Democrats
178 Republicans
2 Vacancies
- Senate: 57 Democrats
41 Republicans
2 Independents (caucus with Democrats)



State of Canada/US Relations



Thickening of the Border



Armor



Proposed US Federal Renewable Energy Standard

- House bill – 20% renewable by 2020
- Senate bill – 15% renewable by 2021

State Renewable Energy Standards



- California – 33% renewable by 2020
- Pending outcome of Proposition 23
- 29 other states have renewable energy standards
- Vermont recognizes large scale Canadian hydro as “renewable” over objections for environmentalists



Discussion

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