

Enserva Calls on Ottawa to Immediately Fast-Track Energy Infrastructure to Reach New Markets

January 16, 2025 – Enserva issued the following statement in response to the potential tariffs on Canadian exports into the United States and the suggested response by the federal government of retaliatory export tariffs or bans.

“For the past decade, the energy sector has been the primary punching bag of the federal government, with dozens of policies, regulations, and legislation that handcuff our industry. As a result, Canadian energy is largely landlocked and reliant on one major market that can easily hold our industry hostage.

After years of the industry fighting to maintain its place in our economy and generating billions of dollars that benefit all Canadians, it is now being used as a bargaining chip in an emerging trade war.

No Canadian politician should be willing to use the energy that sustains life in Canada as a bargaining chip. Energy is vital to the life of every Canadian, every single day. Whether it is for heating our homes, schools, and hospitals, putting gas in our cars, or fueling public transportation, these daily necessities cannot be jeopardized in cross-border trade negotiations.

While we need immediate solutions to the tariff threat, we also need to consider what it means for Canada and our energy industry in the medium to long term.

If the federal government wants to genuinely tariff-proof our economy, while protecting energy security and affordability, the clear path is through increasing our access to global markets and finding new customers for our products. **Enserva is calling on the Government of Canada to commit now to expedite approvals of major energy infrastructure that will get our oil and gas to tidewater.**

In addition, we reaffirm our calls for Ottawa to immediately repeal bills C-59 and C-69, lift the oil tanker ban, and abandon their plans to impose an emissions cap on the oil and gas sector. Through these steps, they can unleash the potential of Canadian energy to attract new investment, drive innovation, create jobs, and access new markets that will keep the industry thriving. This policy shift can also revive discussions around new pipelines flowing east and west, and additional LNG facilities.

As a nation, we must strengthen our own hand to approach the bargaining table as an equal negotiator. Canada’s greatest economic strength lies in being a premier supplier of the world’s most responsibly and sustainably produced oil and gas.”

Gurpreet Lail
President and CEO

Enserva is the voice of the energy services, supply and manufacturing sector and its vital workforce. Enserva advocates for its members to enable the continued innovation, technological advancement, and in-field expertise needed to unlock Canadian energy to make the world a better place. In 2022, the organization’s brand evolved from the Petroleum Services Association of Canada (PSAC) to Enserva.