

*Statement from the Communications Department of Environment and Local Government, Sept. 11, 2026:*

A clarification from Environment and Climate Change Minister Gilles LePage on comments from the press briefing on August 28 to announce the Environmental Impact Assessment conditional approval of the Renewable Integration Grid Security (RIGS) project:

“To clarify, our government is on track to meet our 2030 [greenhouse gas emission reduction targets](#). Since 2005, New Brunswick has successfully reduced emissions by 36 per cent, a greater percentage reduction than most other provinces or territories in Canada.

Our efforts to address climate change impacts are guided by the provincial climate change action plan. We are making steady progress on actions in the plan, such as releasing the net zero blueprint. This reinforces our commitment to cutting greenhouse gas emissions and presents a flexible, long-term framework to reduce emissions while minimizing economic losses from climate change.

The path to net zero is not straightforward, but we are focused on our long-term goal. Although policy gaps remain to reach our 2050 net zero target, efforts are underway to meet our net-zero emissions targets by 2050.

Our province, like the rest of Canada, faces economic headwinds. Climate action and economic growth can go hand in hand. We must ensure our province is competitive and integrating climate considerations into all decisions. For this reason, two conditions in the conditional approval for the RIGS project address climate change, including condition 26 which requires the proponent to develop a net zero plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.”