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The Canadian Electricity Association (“CEA”)<sup>1</sup>, the national forum and voice of the evolving electricity business in Canada, is pleased to provide comments in response to the U.S. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee’s (“ENR Committee”) request for input on its Clean Energy Standard (“CES”) White Paper. In this filing, CEA responds to one of the questions set forth in the CES White Paper and also provides feedback on additional topics related to the design of a national CES program in the United States.

In response to the ENR Committee’s question on what resources should qualify as “clean energy,” CEA offers a perspective on the development and deployment of clean energy resources for electricity generation in the Canadian context. This information is intended to serve as a point of reference for the committee as it assesses the potential qualification criteria and merit for various resources under a CES.

In addition, CEA highlights the importance of the U.S.-Canada electricity trade relationship to both countries and encourages the ENR Committee to seek solutions which support this mutually beneficial bilateral relationship, as the committee considers proposals for the design of a CES. In particular, CEA recommends that a national CES be inclusive of **all** clean energy sources – including those in Canada – which generate electric energy sold in the United States.

CEA thanks the ENR Committee for this opportunity to submit comments and looks forward to continue engaging committee staff and members on issues relevant to the development of a national CES program.

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