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Energy Relations

The Canada-USA energy relationship is the most intensive in the world. In 1987, with the value of trade in energy exceeding C\$13 billion, energy accounted for 11.9 per cent of all Canada-USA trade. The trade includes all the main energy commodities -- crude oil, petroleum products, gas, coal, uranium and electricity. Canada is currently the major supplier of oil, oil products and uranium to the United States, and virtually its only foreign supplier of natural gas and electricity. Canada imports mostly coal and some oil from the United States.

Over the past few years, Canada-USA energy trade has been, on balance, one of the success stories in the bilateral relationship. Although issues have arisen, and doubtless will continue to do so, given the magnitude of the trade, a number of important and constructive steps have been taken to facilitate the trade. These range from deregulation of energy markets all the way to the Free Trade Agreement. Both countries expect to derive substantial benefits from the energy provisions of the FTA. Canada will gain greater security of access to US markets and for its part, the United States will gain greater access to secure Canadian energy supplies to meet its long term energy needs.

Science and Technology

There is ongoing collaboration in virtually all areas of scientific endeavour between Canada and the United States. The relationship is generally handled informally. For Canada, access to technology and scientific and technological information of US origin is essential to remain competitive.

Canada and the United States have a long history of collaboration in space. Most recently, together with other international partners, we agreed to undertake the development of the Space Station, the largest, cooperative, international, technology development ever. Canada and the United States are also planning to cooperate in RADARSAT, Canada's first remote-sensing satellite which will provide detailed images of the earth's surface.

Two major science projects may be the object of future collaboration: the US Superconducting Super Collider,