

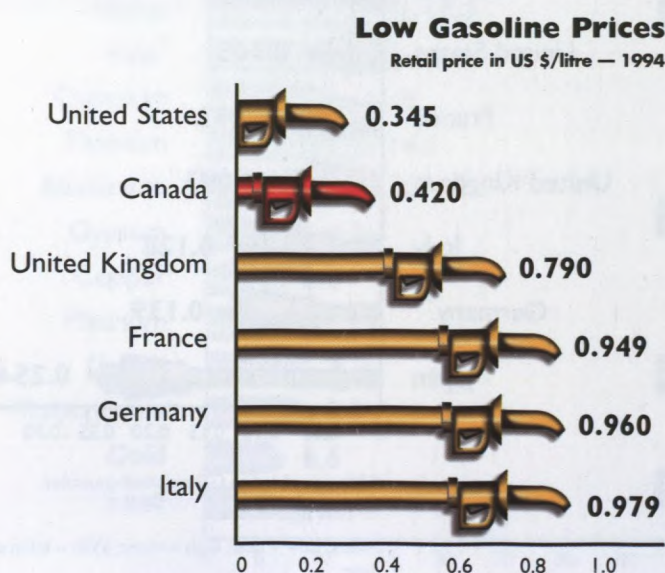
"Energy costs, particularly for fossils, are moderate here, compared with many parts of the world and particularly Europe where the price of gasoline is literally double that in Canada."

Jack Hartery, President and General manager,
Stora Forest Industries Ltd.

Canada's future energy needs will be readily provided for, using existing capacity as well as a number of possible oil and gas developments and other electric generation facilities. It is therefore not surprising that international business leaders ranked Canada first among the G7 countries in the supply of power to business in 1996, according to the World Economic Forum.

The most recent international data show that industrial prices for natural gas and electricity are significantly lower in Canada than in Europe, Japan or the United States.

This advantage has helped Canada become a globally competitive location for energy-intensive manufacturing industries and should remain that way. For instance, industrial and commercial rates of Ontario Hydro, Hydro-Québec and BC Hydro are fixed until the year 2000, thereby contributing to maintain this competitive advantage.



Sources: OECD; International Energy Agency,
Energy Prices and Taxes, 3rd Quarter, 1995.