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B.C. is becoming world renowned as Canada's clean energy powerhouse. We have aggressive energy conservation targets and massive deposits of clean, natural gas, with opportunities in clean, renewable energy of all kinds — wind, geothermal, bioenergy, run-of-river hydro, solar, tidal and biofuels. These

are avenues for growth that will create jobs, and support communities across the province. Working together, we can harness this incredible energy potential and become a world leader in supplying clean, green power efficiently. As the world searches for low-carbon energy alternatives to coal or nuclear power, B.C. can help lead the way.

We are investing in new green energy innovations and technologies, and supporting cutting edge research in B.C. We'll examine the possibility of building a new energy corridor across the North that could create billions in investment and thousands of construction jobs in northern communities.

Together, we will meet our goals of making B.C. electricity self-sufficient by 2016, achieving at least 50 per cent of all incremental electricity demand from now until 2020 through conservation, reducing energy consumption per household by 20 per cent, launching an industrial energy efficiency strategy and continuing to generate at least 90 per cent of all power from clean, renewable sources.

Honourable Gordon Campbell
Premier of British Columbia



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BRITISH COLUMBIA: CLEAN ENERGY POWERHOUSE

As the cleanest-burning fossil fuel available today, natural gas is a low-carbon step towards the future. This abundant resource plays a vital role in British Columbia's economy, generating significant economic wealth, employing thousands of British Columbians and reducing considerable amounts of greenhouse gases.

With established natural gas reserves that have increased for the 10th straight year, British Columbia is a pioneer in industry development, community consultation and sustainable environmental management of our natural gas resources. To help emerging markets access our clean natural gas alternative as they transition from coal, the Province is pursuing the development of a Northern Energy Corridor that could bring significant investment and thousands of jobs to northern communities, First Nations and the province.

A PLAN FOR A GREEN ENERGY FUTURE

British Columbia has abundant clean, sustainable energy sources. Working with communities, First Nations and industry, the Province is turning these natural resources into opportunities that will help meet our growing energy demands with clean, renewable power while creating jobs, encouraging investment and making B.C. more competitive.

The BC Energy Plan puts British Columbia at the forefront of environmental and economic leadership. Energy is now our fastest growing industrial sector. By employing policies and actions outlined in the Energy Plan, B.C. is encouraging a diverse, competitive and sustainable energy sector focused on low and no-carbon energy alternatives.

SUPPORT FOR ENERGY INNOVATION

B.C. is becoming a leader in wind, run-of-river, tidal, geothermal, wave, solar and other forms of clean, renewable power.

SOLARBC – The Province has provided \$5 million in the SolarBC program to encourage installation of solar water heaters in homes, municipal buildings, schools, social housing and First Nations communities across the province.

INNOVATIVE CLEAN ENERGY (ICE) FUND – Since 2008, the ICE Fund has invested over \$47 million in 34 projects in British Columbian communities, and leveraged over \$174 million for clean and renewable energy technologies.

BC BIOENERGY STRATEGY – Leveraging \$35 million for research and coordination, the British Columbia Bioenergy Strategy turns challenges into economic and environmental benefits by promoting new sources of sustainable energy to take advantage of British Columbia's pine-beetle attacked timber and other biomass resources.

HYDROGEN AND FUEL CELL TECHNOLOGY – British Columbia is a world leader in hydrogen and fuel cell technology, and home to 35 sector companies, including four of the world's largest public fuel-cell companies. A fleet of 20 fuel cell buses will be showcased in Whistler during the 2010 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games.

CONSERVING FOR THE FUTURE

Conservation is a cornerstone of the BC Energy Plan. British Columbia is committed to acquiring 50 per cent of BC Hydro's incremental resource needs through conservation by 2020.

SMART METERS – By 2012, customers will be provided with smart meters to track and manage their power consumption.

"Net metering" will allow customers to sell back their surplus power.

"Green power pricing" will reward customers for reducing and shifting consumption to off-peak periods.

B.C. GREEN BUILDING CODE – The new Building Code for British Columbia, increases energy and water efficiency, implementing the highest energy-efficiency standards in Canada, for less costly home heating, decreased emissions for residential, commercial and industrial buildings and reduced impacts on the environment.

SUPPORT FOR ENERGY INNOVATION

PACIFIC CARBON TRUST – A Crown Corporation that is part of British Columbia's Climate Action Plan, Pacific Carbon Trust is a catalyst for the green economy, creating new economic opportunities in communities across the province.

From high efficiency hybrid heating systems to renewable biomass energy systems, these investments create jobs and ensure a future of renewed economic opportunity and the sustainable well-being of communities.

