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The Right Honourable Paul Martin
Prime Minister of Canada
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Dear Prime Minister Martin:

On behalf of the Clean Air Renewable Energy Coalition, we would like to congratulate you on your recent election victory. We were also pleased to see the commitment to renewable energy in the election platform of the Liberal Party of Canada. To that end, we look forward to working with your government and the other Federal political parties on the single objective of our Coalition – to advance the cause of green power/low-impact renewable energy in Canada.

The Coalition has developed and advocated some significant policies over the years to help advance our above-noted objective. The Wind Power Production Incentive (WPPI), which you introduced in your December 10, 2001 budget, has assisted by kick-starting the incentive process for low-impact renewable technologies, specifically wind. Our most recent policy document, *Vision for a Low-Impact Renewable Energy Future for Canada: Recommendations for Government Policy - 2004* was meant to provide the Federal and Provincial governments with a vision of where Canada's future can be with green power (see www.cleanairrenewableenergycoalition.com).

As you and your staff develop the Speech from the Throne, we urge you to consider including:

- development of a National Renewable Energy Strategy (relating to low-impact renewable energy/green power)
- setting a target and a timetable, for instance, 7% by 2010 and 15% by 2020, for green power in Canada's total electricity mix
- enhancing or introducing power production incentives to accelerate the development of these emerging renewable energy technologies:
 - expand the application of WPPI from 1000 to 4000 MW at a level not less than 1.0 cents/kWh (the Bloc has suggested 2 cents/kWh);
 - allow wind energy projects to access both WPPI and the Canadian Renewable Conservation Expense (CRCE); and,

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- develop a series of other power production incentives (GPPI - Green Power Production Incentive) for other technologies such as small hydro, biomass, geothermal, as well as wave and tidal power ¹ (the incentive level per kWh would have to be set based on the technology).

Not only are these actions achievable and pragmatic, we feel they will be well received by both the New Democratic Party and the Bloc Quebecois in this minority Parliament, as well as many provincial governments who are also attempting to advance the cause of green power in their jurisdictions.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of these policy initiatives. We look forward to working with you and your government in the months and years ahead.

On behalf of the members of the Clean Air Renewable Energy Coalition,

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¹ for solar photovoltaics (PV), a government buy-down program restoring part of the purchasing cost is recommended.



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