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#### Clean Air Renewable Energy Coalition

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#### Clean Air Renewable Energy Coalition

- Initiated in December 2000 by Suncor Energy Inc. and Pembina Institute
- Since expanded to 20 members (industry, ENGOs, municipalities)
- Focus on advancing Green Power (as defined by Eco Logo) in Canada
- Members forced to 'check their biases at the door' in working on Coalition matters
- Creates a united front with clear messages (presentations, backgrounder, vision document, standing committees)





#### Who We Are

**AIM PowerGen Corporation** 

**Axor** 

**BC** Hydro

BP Canada Energy Company

Benign Energy Canada Inc.

Canadian Hydro Developers

**Enbridge** 

**Enmax** 

Hydro Quebec

Federation of Canadian Municipalities

Friends of the Earth

International Institute for Sustainable Development

**Ontario Power Generation Inc.** 

**Pembina Institute** 

**Pollution Probe** 

Shell Canada Limited

Suncor Energy

**Toronto Atmospheric Fund** 

**Toronto Environmental Alliance** 

**Toronto Hydro** 





## Why Create a Vision for a Low-Impact Renewable Energy?

- Coalition surveyed past work and future political horizon
- Ascertained that Low-Impact Renewable Energy is still treated as a 'Niche Player'
- Clear need for targets
- Decided to develop a Big-Picture Vision to take to:
  - A new Prime Minister and Federal Cabinet
  - Current and new Provincial and Territorial Premiers and Cabinets
  - The Media and Public
  - Build on past efforts (2001 and 2002 Backgrounders)





#### What is our Vision?

### The Clean Air Renewable Energy Coalition's Goal is:

"To have low-impact renewable energy account for a minimum of 7 % of Canada's electricity production in 2010, and 15 % by 2020"





RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY POTENTIALS IN CANADA (TWh p.a.)			
	Current Generation	Potential Generation (Minimum)	Potential Generation (Maximum)
Onshore Wind	1	12.3	86
Solar PV	0.001		0.012
Small Hydro	4	15	98
Biomass	1.9	49	154
Landfill gas	0.6	0.9	2.7
Wave / Tidal	0.1	45	56
Geothermal	0		1.1
TOTAL	7.6	122	398
Canadian Traditional Generation Source TWh (2000)			
Large Hydro	346		
Thermal	147		
Nuclear	68		
TOTAL TRADITIONAL	561		





#### What does this Imply?

- Our estimate indicates that Canada's potential for low-impact renewable resources is 122 to 398 TWh p.a.
- Good market and growth opportunities
- This assessment takes renewable energy from a 'Niche' source to a diversified partner to be treated on a level playing field





#### Recommendations for Canada (5)

- 1. Define a Comprehensive Renewable Energy Vision for Canada
  - comprehensive renewable energy resource assessment
  - R&D money for early-stage technologies
  - differentiated guaranteed prices (feed-in tariffs)
  - role renewable energy will play in a carbon-constrained economy





#### Recommendations for Canada (5)

- 2. Set Long-Term Targets for Renewable Energy in Canada
  - a minimum of 7 % of Canada's electricity production in 2010 (approximately 30% of new capacity between 2000 & 2010 - triple the existing federal government target) and;
  - a minimum of 15 % of Canada's electricity production in 2020





#### Recommendations for Canada

### 3. Commit to a Package of Long-Term and Broad Market and Government Incentives

- The Federal Wind Power Production Incentive (WPPI) be increased to 2.7 cents / kWh
- Expand WPPI to other renewable energy technology
- Federal climate change-related money be used to expand the Market Incentive Program funding to \$30 million per year, extend it to 2012 and consult with the provinces and territories to develop a broader-based green energy rebate and education program for consumers





#### Recommendations for Canada

### 4. Build better Partnerships between the Federal and Provincial Governments

- commit to purchasing 30% of their electricity needs from low-impact renewable energy by 2010, and increase that to 80% by 2020
- identify minimum levels of electricity production to come from low-impact renewable energy
- collaborate to do a comprehensive assessment of Canada's full potential for low-impact renewable energy
- 5. Recognize the Potential for Renewable Energy in a Carbon-Constrained Economy





#### **Benefits**

- Investment in Innovative and Sustainable Renewable Energy Technologies
- Diversification of Canada's Energy Supply
- Support for New Industrial Development
- Made-In-Canada Manufacturing Facilities
- Regional Economic Development
- New Capital Investment and Job Creation
- Competitiveness
- Clean Air
- Reduced GHG Emissions





#### Conclusion

- Green Power / Low-Impact Renewable Energy is not a 'Niche' source
- Great benefits to Canadian society and the environment
- The public is demanding cleaner, more sustainable power
- Making it happen requires a Vision and clear messaging
- Making it happen requires doing things differently





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#### Comments on the Vision: For Discussion

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