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Clean Energy Act to Power BC Growth

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Victoria, April 28, 2010 – Chambers of Commerce from across the province today welcomed the Government announcement of the Clean Energy Act. The Act is designed to create jobs, increase electrical self-sufficiency, reduced greenhouse gas emissions, and protect both B.C. rate payers and the province’s competitive advantage in clean, renewable energy.

“The value of this Act to business communities will be in the balance it strikes”, said John Winter, President and CEO of the BC Chamber of Commerce. “It will balance the need for self-sufficiency and the importance of competitive rates for businesses and consumers against the importance of building an export capacity which will provide jobs for communities across the province.”

The Clean Energy Act will create an integrated approach to long-term electricity planning by streamlining the approval processes, and creating measures to promote an increase in efficiency and conservation.

The Act has 16 specific energy objectives, which are to: expedite clean energy investments; protect B.C. ratepayers; ensure competitive rates; encourage conservation; strengthen environmental protection; promote regional job creation and foster opportunities for First Nations’ involvement in clean electricity development.

“This will continue British Columbia’s legacy of producing clean, renewable power”, continued Winter, “The system-wide integration called for in the Clean Energy Act will add value to B.C.’s heritage assets and continue to drive investment in the province.”

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