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Thank you for a further opportunity to provide feedback on the development of British Columbia's *Climate Leadership Plan*. This is an important initiative to refresh BC's climate action strategy and we would like to help support and accelerate that development.

One of the critical feedbacks in the *Climate Leadership Team's Recommendations Report* reflected the urgency to act – it called for a number of measures to be reflected in the 2016 budget, even if only as plans for coming years. It appears that this opportunity has been lost, and given the 2017 election, may be pushed well into the future. We are concerned that this will impede British Columbia's ability to lead in climate action, and actually result in placing the province in catch-up mode.

Notwithstanding that fundamental concern, we feel that the current *Consultation Guide* successfully integrates the *Recommendations* into the framework of *Value, Life, Travel, Work*. With this integration, the Government of British Columbia has demonstrated that the entirety of the *Climate Leadership Team's Recommendations Report* fits its overarching policy goals **AND** is embedded in the values, priorities and expectations expressed in feedback.

In our earlier feedback on the *Climate Leadership Plan*, we focused on a number of recommendations particular to the emerging wave, tidal and river current resource opportunity, but we supported the *Climate Leadership Team's Recommendations Report* in its entirety. We view the suite of recommendations as an integrated leadership strategy based on the foundation set in earlier years. The *Team* presented the recommendations as a package, with policy actions working together to support climate action. We believe that this approach is integral to ensuring success and that action should occur in all areas. From our perspective, the *Consultation Guide* reflects how that strategy holds together even when sliced differently.



It is critical that British Columbia re-engage more fully in climate action. The province's need for a climate action strategy and that of its industries and citizens, will create opportunity to develop cleantech innovations with growing world markets.

Marine Renewables Canada was founded in British Columbia in 2004 and has about 100 members, ranging from academia to the industrial supply chain, utilities and governments. In the last few years, Nova Scotia has become the leading province in this new industry, where a number of world-leading tidal energy projects are just beginning. Marine Renewables Canada is also a founding member of the Canadian Council on Renewable Electricity (CanCORE), along with the Canadian Hydropower Association, Canadian Wind Energy Association and Canadian Solar Industries Association. This alliance of clean electricity production sectors recognizes that Canada's clean electricity resources are a national strategic advantage.

British Columbia is blessed with resources to play a major role in clean electrification across Canada and in the US. The province's industries can enjoy a strengthened climate action strategy to create a market advantage through being "powered by BC's clean electricity". A climate action strategy can also be a key economic development strategy for the province.

Marine Renewables Canada is working with the leadership in other parts of the country and remains ready to re-join efforts in British Columbia when they continue. Our members can contribute to your work to focus on the clean economy opportunity, the effort to replace diesel generation and other tactical initiatives. We are ready to engage with you in these efforts and look forward to future dialogue.

Sincerely,

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