
July 29, 2013

The Honourable Christy Clark
Premier of British Columbia
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Dear Premier Clark,

RE: Cleanest LNG in the World

We are writing on behalf of The Energy Forum: a collaboration between BC power producers, industry associations, and non-government organizations that are working to address energy, climate, and ecosystem challenges. We congratulate you on the recent re-election of your BC Liberal government, as well as your by-election victory.

The member organizations of The Energy Forum have been engaged in dialogue over the past two years. We have been exploring areas of shared values and opportunities for the clean energy industry and environmental NGOs to collaborate on policy recommendations and public engagement. More regarding our history and our Shared Principles can be found at www.energyforum.ca.

We are writing today regarding the prospects for liquefied natural gas (LNG) in BC, which has been a key focus of your vision for your new term. Our members were pleased to see that your vision for LNG includes a strong emphasis on environmental protection, in particular your instruction to Minister Mary Polak and Minister Rich Coleman to “ensure that LNG operations in British Columbia are the cleanest in the world”. That is an ambitious commitment and we applaud your principled stand on this point.

LNG has also been a key focus for The Energy Forum due to the scale of its potential opportunities and environmental impacts. We agree that it’s critically important for any LNG development in BC to be the cleanest in the world. Therefore, we will be working to explore what exactly would need to be accomplished in order for BC LNG to meet this commitment. We appreciate that time is of the essence and decisions (investment, technology, policy) will be made quickly.

Our process will involve research into environmental protection mechanisms currently being employed at other commercial LNG operations around the globe: at points of gas extraction, transportation, compression, and shipping, and including utilization of clean electricity. We are also planning further public engagement on this topic to determine what kinds of environmental protections are most important to British Columbians, particularly those in northern communities, including aboriginal communities. We expect that the definition that we arrive at will describe LNG operations that meet or exceed current best practices in the areas of greenhouse gas emissions, local air quality and human health, water protection, biodiversity, sustainable economic development, and First Nations stewardship / rights & title, as well as an

integrated, strategic approach to managing the cumulative impacts of multiple projects on these values.

We would like to meet with you to discuss these issues, B.C.'s climate action plan and the transition towards a fully renewable energy powered future. We look forward to further engagement with your government on this critically important topic.

Sincerely,

for The Energy Forum¹:



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cc Honourable Mary Polak, Minister of Environment
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Honourable John Rustad, Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation
Honourable Bill Bennett, Minister of Energy and Mines and Minister Responsible for Core Review



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