



Council of the Federation Releases Shared Vision for Canada's Energy Future

MONCTON, August 9, 2007 – Canada's Premiers today released *A Shared Vision for Energy in Canada* that highlights the importance of energy conservation, supply, demand and infrastructure to Canada's continued prosperity.

The plan, supplemented by maps, strikes the right balance between security of energy supply, environmental stewardship, social responsibility and economic prosperity. The seven strategic elements of the plan are:

- Promote energy efficiency and conservation
- Accelerate energy research and deployment of new technology
- Facilitate development of renewable, green and cleaner energy sources
- Develop and enhance a modern, reliable, environmentally safe and efficient series of energy transmission and transportation networks
- Improve the timeliness and certainty of regulatory approval processes for the energy sector, while ensuring rigorous protection of the environment and public interest
- Implement strategies to meet energy sector human resources needs
- Pursue formalized participation of provinces and territories in international discussions and negotiations on energy

Premiers acknowledge that all territories, like provinces and Yukon, must be able to take a leadership role in creating innovative energy policies for Canada's future. Premiers reiterated their continued support for the Northwest Territories and Nunavut to successfully conclude devolution and resource revenue sharing agreements with the federal government as soon as possible, so that they can be the primary beneficiaries of the development of their resources.

Premiers called upon the federal government to acknowledge the constitutional jurisdiction of the provinces and territories and to formally involve provinces and territories in international discussions and negotiations that affect their jurisdiction.

Premiers directed their Environment ministers to complete work with the federal government toward a rational and efficient process for environmental assessment, which would ensure appropriate protection of the environment and the public interest while eliminating overlap and duplication.

A Shared Vision for Energy in Canada is available at the Council of the Federation's website: www.councilofthefederation.ca. The Council's website also provides a link to the energy maps.

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