



Backgrounder – Recommendations Summary

1. *Update the province's energy policy framework*
 - a. Complete a comprehensive review and update in 6-12 months
 - b. Key policy files – LNG, IRP – updated in 3-6 months
 - c. Utilize Core Review to backstop review of energy related agencies to ensure fit within revitalized policy framework
2. *Place a renewed focus on energy marketplace competitiveness challenges*
 - a. Assess competitiveness regularly across range of key indicators
 - b. Use competitiveness test to ground LNG and IRP analysis
 - c. Build regulatory efficiency and ASD analysis into competitiveness assessments
3. *Accelerate natural gas and LNG development*
 - a. Complete and release a guiding principles for LNG development document, collaboratively developed by the LNG industry
 - b. Support creation of Ministry of Natural Gas Development and required resourcing
 - c. Coordinate electricity requirements over natural gas/LNG value chain
4. *Introduce a BC non-renewable Resource Fund (NRF) with realistic long term valuation targets*
 - a. Review financial options and begin accruing fund by 2016
 - b. Build robust oversight and management to governance structure, with external arms length oversight
 - c. Review potential for dedicating an increment of the fund for energy system transformation support
5. *Continue to position BC as a Canadian and global leader in responsible energy development*
 - a. Collaboratively develop and release more and improved information to public on key statistics and energy related matters
 - b. Utilize innovative mediums to build energy literacy and improved public engagement
 - c. Build stronger connection between individual action and energy outcomes in BC
6. *Establish a new mandate for energy related Inter-Governmental Relations (IGR)*
 - a. Reinvigorate a more collaborative mandate for energy development based on constructive, principled engagement
 - b. Build policies into New West Partnership, Council of Federation efforts and bilateral initiatives
 - c. Ensure Premier Clark maintains leadership on IGR file
7. *Move the western market oil access dialogue forward*
 - a. Governments (all levels) commit to more comprehensive and collaborative approach to the western access for oil dialogue
 - b. Within six months, coordinate a joint plan to move market access forward based on British Columbia's five conditions
 - c. Ensure a detailed review of the proposal for a west coast refinery is advanced

8. *Continue to build and refine First Nations energy partnership models*
 - a. Accelerate economic engagement and provide required resources and staff to find new paths forward for energy development with First Nations
 - b. Consider establishing an annual consultation dialogue with First Nation leaders directly involved with energy related development.
9. *Reconcile and where necessary revise the province's energy and climate change objectives*
 - a. Utilize a select standing committee to review BC's carbon management framework with a specific task to establish realistic GHG reduction targets
 - b. Build a comprehensive approach to carbon management for the LNG sector and incorporate into overall energy plan
 - c. Pursue negotiations with the federal government to ensure sectoral GHG regulations allow for equivalency and provincial policy differences such as BC's carbon tax
10. *Tackle the challenges in electricity policy*
 - a. Complete LNG review/impact on IRP within 3-6 months for inclusion in updated energy plan
 - b. Ensure reviews take into consideration benefits of distributed economic activity via IPP development
 - c. Utilize third party oversight for cost of supply analysis between resource options
 - d. Within the context of the Core Review, ensure private sector options for infrastructure development are assessed – inclusive of P3 models
11. *Review BC's energy rate structure within a re-constituted BC Utilities Commission*
 - a. Reconstitute and provide clear mandate for the BCUC
 - b. Review industrial rates within overall economic objective framework for province – competitiveness test
 - c. Streamline and focus regulatory structures to deliver process and outcome certainty
12. *Build a robust skills and infrastructure agenda for the energy sector*
 - a. Develop cross-sectoral, cross corporate HR planning for province
 - b. Detailed infrastructure plans should flow directly from an updated energy plan
13. *Do more to leverage downstream energy opportunities*
 - a. Selectively foster the strategic use of natural gas using market analysis and non-subsidized policy frameworks
 - b. Build out infrastructure to encourage use of domestic gas resources
 - c. Adjust tax policy to level playing field between transportation fuel options
 - d. Assess the use of technology fund specific to LNG in downstream market, keeping in mind need to avoid market distortions
 - e. Review the Clean Energy Act, Part 5, to remove demand side management barriers to natural gas
 - f. Review how distributed systems can provide better reliability and provide opportunities for small scale renewables development and micro-grids.