



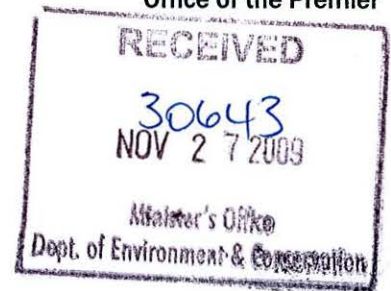
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Dear Minister Prentice:

Thank you for your letter of October 28, 2009 regarding our September 24, 2009 meeting. I agree that the meeting was a valuable opportunity for us to discuss Newfoundland and Labrador's climate change priorities and perspectives.

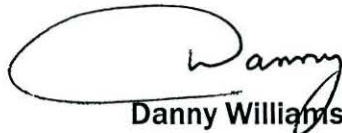
As I outlined at the meeting, it is critical that any regulatory framework provide incentives for new large scale hydroelectricity development. It is only by developing our hydro-electric resources that Canada will be able to meet your government's commitment to generate 90 percent of its electricity from non-emitting sources. While I appreciate the desire to develop new technologies such as carbon capture and storage, we must not overlook the importance of ensuring that proven renewable technologies, which can deliver real emission reductions in the short to medium term, receive the support they need. I hope that the follow-up letter of October 16, 2009 to you from Ed Martin, CEO of Nalcor, was of additional assistance in your consideration of the Lower Churchill project as a key component of any national climate change policy.

As time was short at our meeting, we did not have an opportunity to discuss the details of the framework you are developing or the province's position on other sectors of our economy. Newfoundland and Labrador is committed to playing its role in helping to tackle climate change, however, as the province has a resource intensive economy regulations need to be designed to reduce emissions while not placing our industry at a competitive disadvantage or prompting companies to relocate to other jurisdictions with less stringent carbon constraints. It is therefore critical that the province be fully apprised and consulted on the details of any new regulations that will impact these industries during their development stages. The Honourable Kathy Dunderdale, Minister of Natural Resources, will be writing to you shortly about this.

Finally, I appreciate your extension of an invitation for me to join you at the high-level segment of the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen. While I am unable to join you, Newfoundland and Labrador will be sending officials from its Office of Climate Change, Energy Efficiency and Emissions Trading to join the Canadian delegation.

We share your wish to continue collaboration on climate change and I wish you a productive meeting in Copenhagen.

Yours sincerely,



Danny Williams, Q.C.
Premier

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