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Dear Minister Heyman,

Re: Climate Solutions Council perspectives on the CleanBC 2030 roadmap

Following the April 7 Climate Solutions Council meeting, the council was asked to formalize our perspectives on the initial information the Climate Action Secretariat shared on the CleanBC 2030 roadmap.

At a high level, the council is supportive of the approach that is evolving for the 2030 roadmap. In particular:

- We liked the focus on environmental, economic and social outcomes, which will help make the CleanBC objectives more tangible. It also helps to highlight how challenging it will be to deploy the needed investments over the next nine years to achieve our 2030 targets.

- We liked that the road map will be transparent about the uncertainty in the transition and how multiple pathways could lead to CleanBC targets. Related to this, we liked the intention to communicate ‘dead-end’ pathways to help focus on solutions that have the potential to lead to CleanBC targets.

- We liked the focus on partnerships and the intention to work directly with different sectors/stakeholders to achieve shared public and private sector targets. To maximize this benefit, it will be important to clearly communicate the makeup of different sectors so that organizations and businesses can see themselves in, and get excited about, partnership opportunities.

- We support the government’s intention to draw on more targeted incentives, such as transitioning the existing ZEV incentive program to an income-tested model to address equity concerns.

We also observed two important cautions in developing the roadmap:

- Although the roadmap will showcase possible pathways and the complexity of interactions within the energy system, the government should not lose sight of the simple fact that to be successful and reach our 2030 climate target, it is of critical importance to strengthen and implement the core CleanBC policies. In our Nov 26,

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2020 advice, the council identified four core policies (the carbon tax, the Zero Emissions Vehicle Standard, the Low Carbon Fuel Standard, and the Clean Portfolio Standard), and we continue to highlight their importance and urge government to move forward with them.

- We appreciate the direction to include more information on the different sources of clean energy and how they are anticipated to meet the needs of different end uses (i.e. transportation, oil and gas, buildings, industry). As a complement to this, we think the roadmap should be used to support more coordinated energy planning between BC Hydro and FortisBC. Both utilities can have critical roles to play in the CleanBC transition, and the roadmap should help focus their efforts and provide clarity on how electricity, renewable gas and hydrogen will help to achieve the CleanBC targets. Similarly, development of the roadmap should be done in coordination with related utility processes such as BC Hydro's Integrated Resource Plan and Electrification Plan.

We hope that this input during the development of B.C.'s roadmap to 2030 can help inform your and the Climate Action Secretariat's work. Should you have any questions or if you would like to discuss further, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Regards,



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