



December 4, 2024

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P., Prime Minister
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

I write today on behalf of Energy NL and its over 500 members involved in the Newfoundland and Labrador energy industry supply and service sector to support the position of Premier Andrew Furey and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador as it pertains to the Atlantic Accord and the proposed *Oil and Gas Sector Greenhouse Gas Emissions Cap Regulations* of the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act*. Energy NL fully agrees with Premier Furey that the Government of Canada must respect the spirit and intent of the Atlantic Accord.

The Atlantic Accord is foundational legislation for the Newfoundland and Labrador offshore and established the principle of joint management. All regulatory actions associated with the offshore oil and gas industry must abide by joint management, including the implementation of these regulations. Unilateral action by the Government of Canada does not meet the spirit and intent of the Atlantic Accord and may violate this important legislation which is paramount legislation for offshore oil and gas management.

Energy NL has grave concerns about the *Oil and Gas Sector Greenhouse Gas Emissions Cap Regulations* and the impact they will have on our offshore oil and gas sector. The regulations could impact production and limit growth of our lower carbon offshore. Further, the regulations are convoluted and add another layer of uncertainty to an already complex regulatory process. A regulatory regime such as this does not attract investment, and instead turns investment away at a time when our lower carbon oil has a global advantage.

Energy NL supports actions to reduce carbon emissions and achieve net zero and our members are already leaders in this area through significant emissions reductions offshore in recent years. The Newfoundland and Labrador offshore oil and gas industry accounts for just 0.18% of Canada's total greenhouse emissions and our lower carbon oil should be produced to support global demand for oil as we seek emissions reduction and lower carbon energy globally. Newfoundland and Labrador's offshore oil is part of the energy solution and must be supported, not capped or cut.

I urge you to follow the vision of the federal leaders who came before you as signatories to the Atlantic Accord; recognize and support the need to allow Newfoundland and Labrador to be the principal beneficiary of the offshore and abide by the principle of joint management. I urge you to respect the Atlantic Accord, believe in the Atlantic Accord, believe in our lower carbon offshore oil industry, and believe in Newfoundland and Labrador.

I welcome the opportunity to speak with you at any time about the Newfoundland and Labrador energy industry.

Sincerely,



CEO, Energy NL

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The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, P.C., M.P., Minister of Natural Resources Canada
The Honourable Steven Guilbeault, P.C., Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada
The Honourable Gudie Hutchings, P.C., Minister of Rural Economic Development and Minister Responsible of the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency
The Honourable Andrew Parsons, K.C., Minister of Industry, Energy and Technology
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