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Dear Party Leader,

Energy NL is the voice of the energy supply and service sector of Newfoundland and Labrador and represents over 500 member firms active in all areas of energy, such as offshore supply vessels and helicopters, carbon reduction technologies, health and safety, training and education, engineering and fabrication, legal services, and human resources.

As part of our commitment to informing members about the future of the energy industry, we are writing to all leaders of our provincial political parties during this campaign to seek your positions on key issues that will shape the growth of the energy sector for the foreseeable future. As you know, the Newfoundland and Labrador energy sector plays a significant role in the economic and social fabric of our province and energy issues must be discussed during this election campaign. The actions taken by government in the next four years will have substantial impacts upon the long-term future of our energy industry. We respectfully request written and direct responses to the questions below by 12:00 p.m., Friday, October 3, 2025, and Energy NL will share all responses with our members and the public as they are received.

An issue of great concern for Energy NL is the Government of Canada *Oil & Gas Sector Greenhouse Gas Emissions Cap Regulations* which will significantly restrict the ability of our lower-carbon offshore industry to contribute to local economies and sustain employment. Independent analysis by Wood Mackenzie confirms that the approach would effectively cap production, limiting growth in a sector that remains the largest contributor to the GDP of Newfoundland and Labrador. The impact would be substantial - resulting in job losses and reduced government revenues that fund essential public services such as healthcare and education.

Energy NL and its members are committed to environmental stewardship and emissions reduction and have taken significant strides to do so while taking advantage of our offshore oil that is 30% below the global average for emissions at extraction. Yet, the proposed cap does not recognize these efforts and our strategic advantage and would disproportionately affect our industry and Energy NL members, while also undermining the Atlantic Accord.

If elected, will your government support our offshore oil and gas industry and demand the cancellation of the oil and gas sector emissions cap regulations by the Government of Canada?

Energy NL has consistently advocated for federal incentives that support offshore exploration and development—similar to the former Petroleum Incentive Program and the Atlantic Investment Tax Credit. Such programs could advance Bay du Nord and offshore development such as tiebacks, generating thousands of jobs, attracting investment, and delivering significant economic benefits to the province, without requiring financial investment by government.

Will your government join Energy NL in advocating for incentives that will spur economic investment, accelerate sanctioning of Bay du Nord, and encourage offshore tiebacks? What specific actions will your government take to encourage the Government of Canada to implement these incentives? Will your government consider similar provincial incentives?

Newfoundland and Labrador is on the cusp of several transformative energy projects. Energy NL firmly believes, as prescribed in the Atlantic Accord, that the people and local companies of Newfoundland and Labrador should be the principal beneficiaries of all our natural resources and be given first consideration for supplying services on such projects. Bay du Nord will be a major addition to our offshore oil and gas sector, with the Churchill River hydroelectric projects providing substantial opportunities for local supply and service companies. Similarly, our onshore and offshore wind sectors are poised for growth as global demand for renewable energy accelerates and we are also readying for natural gas and carbon capture opportunities.

How will your government ensure that the local energy supply and service sector receives optimal benefits from all energy projects such as Bay du Nord, the Churchill River hydroelectric projects, wind development, and others?

As proponents strive to commence an onshore wind-to-clean fuels sector in Newfoundland and Labrador they require swift action to address concerns with the fiscal framework proposed by the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. Addressing the fiscal framework will provide the clarity required to help move these projects forward.

Will your government commit to addressing concerns of project proponents for onshore wind-to-clean fuels projects and the fiscal framework in a timely fashion to ensure the projects can proceed with clarity and confidence?

Thank you for your leadership and attention to these important issues. We look forward to your responses, sharing them with Energy NL members, and working collaboratively with the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to grow and build a prosperous energy industry. Energy NL would welcome the opportunity to meet with you or members of your campaign team during the election to discuss these issues in greater detail.

Sincerely,



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