

September 3, 2004

Honourable Reg Alcock
 President of the Treasury Board
 Treasury Board of Canada
 140 O'Connor Street
 Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0R5

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3 septembre 2004

Honorable Stéphane Dion
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Monsieur le ministre,

Le Groupe de dialogue sur l'énergie (GDE) se compose de 17 associations représentant la majeure partie du secteur énergétique canadien auprès du conseil des ministres de l'Énergie des gouvernements fédéral, provinciaux et territoriaux. Nous avons formé ce groupe en raison des grands défis que doit relever le Canada pour apporter une réponse durable aux besoins d'énergie, une réponse à la fois économique, écologique et responsable du point de vue social.

Selon l'Agence internationale de l'énergie, le Canada et les États-Unis devront investir 3 200 milliards de dollars dans leurs infrastructures de production, de transport et de distribution d'énergie d'ici 30 ans. À notre avis, plusieurs obstacles nuisent encore à la réalisation économique et rapide de ces investissements. De tous ces obstacles, le plus grand tient à l'inefficacité de la réglementation canadienne en matière d'énergie.

En mai 2003, le gouvernement fédéral a formé un comité consultatif externe sur la réglementation intelligente, le CCERI. Ce comité prépare une série de recommandations pour améliorer l'efficacité des processus réglementaires fédéraux concernant le secteur de l'énergie.

Nous espérons que le discours du Trône témoignera d'une volonté d'agir rapidement et de donner suite aux recommandations du CCERI. Cela permettra d'implanter une réglementation plus judicieuse et plus efficace, facilitant la mise en marché rapide de nouvelles sources d'énergie écologiques.

L'économie du XXI^e siècle devra s'appuyer sur des sources d'énergie durables. Les Canadiens comptent sur l'énergie pour soutenir leur prospérité et leur qualité de vie. Plusieurs gagnent leur vie en fournissant de l'énergie et des technologies énergétiques à leurs concitoyens et à nos partenaires économiques.

Associations membre du groupe sur l'énergie :
Association canadienne de l'électricité
Association canadienne de l'énergie éolienne
Association canadienne de l'hydroélectricité
Association canadienne des pipelines
de ressources énergétiques

Association canadienne des producteurs pétroliers
Association canadienne du gaz
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Association of Power Producers of Ontario
Association québécoise pour la maîtrise de l'énergie

Canadian Association of Oilwell Drilling Contractors
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La Table ronde nationale sur l'électricité
Petroleum Services Association of Canada

Le fédéral doit collaborer avec les Canadiens et les autres niveaux de gouvernement pour définir et réaliser une nouvelle conception de l'énergie au XXI^e siècle. Celle-ci devra s'appuyer sur la collaboration intergouvernementale, l'ouverture des marchés et le pouvoir d'attraction du Canada en matière d'investissement énergétique. Nous devons aussi ralentir la croissance de la demande d'énergie par un ensemble de nouvelles technologies et de mesures.

Il sera toutefois essentiel, comme première étape, de rationaliser le cadre réglementaire. Celui-ci devra préserver la santé, la sécurité et l'environnement tout en encourageant l'innovation et le développement économique au bénéfice de tous les Canadiens.

Merci de votre attention.

Cordialement,

Au nom du Groupe de dialogue sur l'énergie



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Honourable John Efford
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Natural Resources Canada
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Honourable David L. Emerson
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