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To Whom it may concern,

I am writing this to share my suggestions on how to keep electricity rates low once Muskrat Falls comes online as the major source of power for our province. My list of suggestions includes but is not limited to the following:

- Leverage Carbon Tax to encourage electricity use AND fight climate change (WIN-WIN scenario, possibly get funds from Feds as well for fighting climate change)
- apply carbon tax to companies/businesses selling wood to burn for heat
- consider applying tax to tools/goods used to create, transport, and support use of non-electric sources of heat and power (ie. a tax on gasoline cans, 2-stroke engine oil, propane tanks, chainsaws, axes)
- offer incentives to buy electric tools (ie. lawnmowers, yard trimmers, etc.)
- stop regulating petroleum fuel prices, and let market forces dictate price to encourage people to switch to electric method. This will also have the added benefit of bringing in more revenue
- remove any and all discounts on home heating oil and stove oil to encourage people to switch to electric methods
- invest in electric vehicle charging stations
- offer cash rebates for electric vehicle purchases
- offer cash rebates for purchase and installation costs of home vehicle charging stations
- create electric vehicle mechanic course at college of the north Atlantic, and offer incentives to private colleges to start teaching similar programs
- support and advertise use of electricity as a safe and environmentally responsible use of energy in maritime provinces and New England. Keep rates stable, and once electric use increases in those areas, gradually increase rates
- fund and invest in companies in Maritimes and New England that make electric versions of traditionally non-electric products, and products that would be used in an energy efficient electrically heated home
- Invest in securities/stocks for the long term to generate revenue and pay off debt
- Increase standard equity share in all future offshore oil revenues/development project, tie to inflation as well to keep equity share growing with economy. Let's use our oil revenue to help us transition ourselves away from oil. We can still extract it and sell it, or use it in other ways besides burning it.
- consider a tax on non-essential appliances, tools, vehicles that consume non-electric sources of heat and power (ie. fire pits, dirt bikes, quads, side-by-sides, outboard motors, propane BBQs, chainsaws, yard trimmers) If it's a non-essential/luxury item, or if it's a necessary item, but there is an electric version of it, then it should be taxed.
- create incentives for people to use electricity in off-peak hours to reduce possible stability issues with Grid, and increase public confidence in the system.
- encourage use of net metering. While initially seems counter-intuitive, it will build resiliency into a vulnerable grid at little cost to Nalcor, and will give end users a sense of control, and ability to mitigate their own costs. Net metering rates can be adjusted to ensure this does not negatively effect Nalcor too much.
- announce moratorium on any and all new major electricity generation system proposals until Muskrat falls is paid off in full. This will prevent any possible construction of Gull Island, and guarantee our debt will not grow. Again, to increase public confidence.
- start planning today for negotiations and desired electricity rates when Churchill falls changes hands once contract is expired. Will show initiative on government's part, signal that we intend to right past wrongs, and get what we deserve from Churchill Falls. Again, to increase public confidence.
- announce a plan this year about planned upgrades to Churchill Falls once current contract expires. Plan should involve shutting down Churchill falls for upgrades and exporting electricity to QC from Muskrat falls in the interim.

- in an effort to reduce plastic waste AND make money to pay MF off, charge businesses a tax (maybe carbon tax?) if they use plastic to package their food.
- place a tax on any plastic good that has a non-plastic version - for example, a plastic cutting board vs a wooden cutting board

I hope these suggestions will be helpful to keep our province from becoming insolvent, and to prevent future generations from paying for our mistake.

Thanks,
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