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Newfoundland and Labrador Public Utilities Board Suite E210, Prince Charles Building 120 Torbay Road, St. Johns, NL, A1A 5B2

Re: Net Metering Program Applications

To Commissioners of the Public Utilities Board,

On behalf of Iron & Earth East, the eastern chapter of an organization representing energy sector trades workers advocating for increased opportunities and training in renewable energy, I would like to formally offer our support for the implementation of a net metering policy in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador. This legislation, while allowing our citizens to take greater ownership of their energy generation needs, will open the doors for many local businesses and will make Newfoundland and Labrador a more competitive marketplace with respect to the rest of Canada, and indeed the world. It will create opportunities for job creation for many of our members in the installation and maintenance of small scale renewable energy generating systems. The renewable energy industry is a significant opportunity for economic growth in our province, and this is a great step in the right direction.

I look forward to working with the Newfoundland and Labrador Public Utilities Board and government at all levels to implement further renewable energy and training initiatives, and to build a stronger and more diversified province.

Delia Warren

Director, Iron & Earth East

