

## MOTION

No. 8

### Reclaiming Prince Edward Island's Leadership Role in Renewable Energy

**Honourable Olive Crane gives notice that tomorrow she will move, seconded by Michael Currie, the following Motion:**

**WHEREAS** Maritime Electric has applied to the Island Regulatory and Appeals Commission for price increases ranging from 9 to 19 percent;

**AND WHEREAS** the provincial government is considering the implementation of the Harmonized Sales Tax which will add a further increase of 8 percent to electricity rates;

**AND WHEREAS** higher electricity rates and the addition of a provincial tax on electricity will place an onerous burden on Prince Edward Island families and business owners;

**AND WHEREAS** the Harmonized Sales Tax will eliminate the tax-free benefit Prince Edward Island families and businesses enjoy under the current tax structure;

**AND WHEREAS** other tax measures which encourage the use of renewable energy include a PST rebate on hybrid vehicle purchases and PST-free status on household renewable energy equipment which will be jeopardized under a Harmonized Sales Tax;

**AND WHEREAS** the elimination of these tax incentives would serve to discourage increased use of renewable energy;

**AND WHEREAS** until recently, Prince Edward Island was recognized as a leader in the development of renewable energy projects in North America, becoming the first Canadian province to produce 15 percent of its electricity from renewable energy sources;

**AND WHEREAS** the Liberal administration will no longer take the lead in the future development of renewable energy projects;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of this Assembly urge the provincial government to reclaim its leadership role in the development of renewable energy, thus reducing energy costs for all Islanders.

Signed by: Honourable Olive Crane

Signed by: Michael Currie

18 October 2007

8:16 p.m.