



February 17, 2009

The Right Honourable Stephen Harper, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada
Langevin Block
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Barack Obama
The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Subject: Proposed Northeast Energy Corridor Strategy

Dear Sirs:

Just as Canada and the United States share common interests in energy security, reliability and environmental stewardship, the Province of New Brunswick and the State of Maine, as close neighbours and allies, share interests in many economic and energy initiatives within our jurisdictions. It is our view that both New Brunswick and Maine have much to offer in collaborating towards improving the energy infrastructure that can benefit our region as well as the economic goals of each of our respective countries.

Therefore, the State of Maine and the Province of New Brunswick have agreed to work together on important energy infrastructure projects that would benefit our shared region and both of our countries and we are designating this joint initiative a Northeast Energy Corridor. The Northeast Energy Corridor would support shared U.S. and Canadian strategy objectives in the areas of (a) energy supply and energy security, (b) the development of green power and CO₂ management, (c) economic development and stimulus, and (d) trade.

The Northeast Energy Corridor would provide secure and reliable access and transmission capacity for projects on both sides of the border involving electricity with an emphasis on renewable power, including wind, tidal and natural gas-fired co-generation, as well as important bridge fuels such as petroleum products and natural gas.

We invite you to consider such a cooperative cross-border initiative during your upcoming discussions in Ottawa and to have your key energy advisors work closely with their Maine and New Brunswick counterparts to pursue this collaborative initiative. This is a significant and timely opportunity presented at a time when our two countries are preparing to deal with real economic, energy and environmental challenges.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shawn Graham".

Shawn Graham
Premier
Province of New Brunswick

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John E. Baldacci".

John E. Baldacci
Governor
State of Maine