

**UBCM 2001 ANNUAL CONVENTION
VANCOUVER, BC**

ENERGY FORUM RECOMMENDATIONS

That UBCM:

1. Not support the removal of GST/PST on the utility bills but that the provincial and federal governments consider using these tax revenues to promote energy conservation and alternative energy sources.
2. Request that the utilities, federal and provincial governments provide funding, advice and tax incentives to all energy users who wish to undertake energy efficiency programs.
3. Advise the Provincial Government that the UBCM does not support the deregulation of electricity.
4. Encourage the pursuit of alternative energy sources such as woodwaste, tidal, solar, district energy and geothermal as well as any other economically and environmentally feasible alternatives.
5. Request that consideration be given to rate restructuring / stabilization or some method of rewards and incentives instead of rebates to address the peaks which presently occur.
6. Encourage the federal and provincial governments to work in concert with local governments to develop an energy strategy that would include:
 - an outline of the energy sources available
 - alternative energy options to be pursued
 - a conservation strategy
 - a statement relating to domestic energy supply and relations with other international governments
 - long term energy planning (ensure reliability of the systems) as well as other issues including statements around air quality and greenhouse gas emissions.