



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON
INDEPENDENT POWER PROJECTS**

BETWEEN

**THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA (the Province)
AND
THE UNION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA MUNICIPALITIES (UBCM)**

The Province and UBCM share the common goals of:

- Fostering co-operative inter-governmental relations;
- Recognizing the jurisdiction and accountabilities of both orders of government;
- Facilitating the responsible development of clean, renewable energy sources to meet the energy needs of British Columbians,
- Providing efficient and effective IPP review and approval processes for both orders of government.

The purpose of this agreement is to establish:

- Means through which local governments and the Province can co-operate and collaborate to realize the common goals.

The Province and UBCM agree to work toward achieving our common goals by:

- Creating an IPP coordinating group with a member from Land and Water British Columbia, Community Aboriginal and Women's Services, Energy and Mines and UBCM. This group will work cooperatively with related groups such as the "one window regulatory approach steering/working committee";
- Participating in a workshop facilitated by the Fraser Basin Council to bring proponents, Federal, provincial and local authorities together to discuss IPP development;

- Developing best practices to coordinate efficient project reviews through harmonization of provincial and local review processes;
- Working to ensure that local, regional and provincial interests are appropriately considered in the review of projects and to work toward harmonization of provincial and local government project review mechanisms, including the Waterpower Project Guidebook, provincial operational policies, Land and Resource Management Plans, Sustainable Resource Management Plans, Regional Growth Strategies, and local government planning and zoning processes; and
- Jointly communicating the outcomes of the work to all interested parties including IPP developers, local governments and provincial agencies.

SIGNED on behalf of the PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA by:

George Abbott

The Honourable George Abbott, Minister of Sustainable Resource Management and Minister responsible for Land and Water B.C.

Date Sept. 22/04

Murray R Coell

Date Sept 22/04.

Richard Neufeld

The Honourable Richard Neufeld Minister of Energy and Mines.

Date Sept 22/04

SIGNED on behalf of the UNION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA MUNICIPALITIES by:

Frank Leonard

His Worship Frank Leonard, Mayor and President of Union of British Columbia Municipalities

Date Sept 22/04