

## **Renewable energy resources could reduce provincial debt**

**Editor:**

The Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services is currently traveling around the province seeking input on the upcoming 2011/12 provincial budget; and last week I appeared before the committee on behalf of BC Citizens for Green Energy (BCCGE).

In my presentation, I urged the committee to consider the enormous revenue generating and debt reduction potential of BC's unparalleled, and largely untapped, renewable green energy resources. Servicing the provincial debt costs BC taxpayers more than \$2.2 billion per year; money that could otherwise

be spent on vital services like health care and education and the dozens of other services and benefits that people expect from government. It is our group's sincere belief that public revenue generated by green energy exports could play a major role in wiping out the province's debt and perhaps eventually even replace the revenue currently being raised through the province's share of the HST.

As we outlined in our Triple Legacy report, BC's potential for generating renewable green electricity from a variety of wind, run-of-river, geothermal, biomass, wave and tidal sources could easily be equal to the current clean generating capacities.

ity available from BC Hydro's heritage hydroelectric dams and potentially two to three times this amount if not more.

Given the immense but largely untapped renewable green energy resources we possess in this province, and the amazing economic and environmental legacy that these vast green energy resources could provide to future generations, why would we not pursue the export and other opportunities available to us and why would the people of BC not support doing so? We have everything to gain.

**David Field, BC Citizens for Green Energy  
Burnaby, BC**

An advertisement for Ford Employee Pricing. The top left features the text "OVER 40,000 CANADIANS HAVE TAKEN ADVANTAGE." The top center has the Ford oval logo. The top right says "THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE." Below the logo, the words "FORD EMPLOYEE PRICING" are written in large, bold, white letters. In the center, there's a headline "Time is running out. It all ends September 30<sup>th</sup>" followed by "Hurry, you can still pay what we pay." To the right, there's a price offer: "Get up to \$12,089<sup>\*\*</sup> in total price adjustments." A note below states "2011 F-350 CC Lariat Diesel 4x4 amount shown." On the left side, a silver Ford F-150 Super Cab XLT 4x4 is shown from a front-three-quarter angle. To the right of the truck, there are two price breakdowns for the 2010 F-150 Super Cab XLT 4x4. The first breakdown shows a total price of \$29,443<sup>\*\*</sup> with a note "Eligible Consumers Pay \$23,943<sup>\*\*</sup>". The second breakdown shows a total price of \$29,443<sup>\*\*</sup> with a note "Eligible Consumers Pay \$23,943<sup>\*\*</sup>". Both breakdowns include "Offers include \$1,500 freight and air tax." At the bottom, there's a table comparing employee vs. consumer prices for various Ford models.

**PLUS eligible consumers can receive up to an additional \$5,500 in incentives on select new 2010 & 2011 models.\*\***



**It's your last chance to get Employee Pricing!  
Hurry, visit your BC Ford Store or [bcford.ca](http://bcford.ca) today.**

Drive one

bcford.ca