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Minister's Accountability Statement



The Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions 2026/27 – 2028/29 Service Plan was prepared under my direction in accordance with the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act*. I am accountable for the basis on which the plan has been prepared.

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Honourable Adrian Dix
Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions
February 6, 2026

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Strategic Direction

In 2026/27, the Government of British Columbia will prioritize support for people by taking action to make life better for everyone.

Despite a challenging fiscal environment due to global uncertainty, trade relationship reordering, and low resource prices, over the past year Government made significant progress on efforts to reduce costs for British Columbians, hire more doctors and nurses, and build more homes, hospitals and schools, faster. Government will continue to advance these key priorities even as tariffs, trade policies, and instability outside of the province's borders continue to put pressure on the province's finances.

Ongoing fiscal pressure means all parts of Government must continue to do their part to maximize efficiencies and make sure every dollar counts.

To respond to these extraordinary times, Government will focus on expanding trade and investment both within Canada and abroad and delivering major projects that offer good jobs and opportunities for people and communities. This focus on economic growth and prosperity is critical to delivering the revenue needed to provide services and infrastructure.

Good relationships and mutually beneficial partnerships with First Nations are critical to building a better future for everyone in British Columbia. Government will continue working diligently to implement the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act Action Plan. Through collaboration and open dialogue, we aim to foster trust, stability and certainty for all.

This 2026/27 service plan outlines how the Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions will support the Government's priorities and selected action items identified in the Minister's most recent [Mandate Letter](#).

Purpose of the Ministry

The [Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions](#) (Ministry) enables economic growth and market diversification in British Columbia (B.C.). The Ministry is responsible for energy resources, including clean and renewable electricity, oil and gas, low carbon and alternative energy, and related infrastructure. These sectors include a wide range of interests involved in developing, delivering, and using energy – such as low-carbon fuels, clean and renewable electricity generation, and transmission and distribution infrastructure – as well as natural gas production, transmission and export.

The Ministry supports access to affordable low-carbon energy and ensures everyone in the province receives fair value from the province's natural resources by managing subsurface rights and collecting royalties. The Ministry facilitates globally competitive electricity, oil and gas, and clean energy sectors that provide opportunities and quality jobs for British Columbians, while demonstrating leading environmental practices, and advancing reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

The Ministry provides a pathway for B.C. to prosper economically while significantly reducing our greenhouse gas pollution, and manages the risks and consequences associated with a changing climate. The Ministry is responsible for tracking the Province's progress on climate change. Details of this progress are published in the annual [Climate Change Accountability Report](#).

To ensure the energy we use, develop and export is the cleanest possible, the Ministry advances energy efficiency and clean and renewable energy sources and technologies. In fulfilling its mandate, the Ministry consults and collaborates with other ministries and levels of government, private sector stakeholders, Indigenous peoples, communities, regulators, environmental and industry organizations, and the public.

The Ministry supports the Minister in discharging responsibilities for the following Crown Corporations: [British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority \(BC Hydro\)](#), the [BC Energy Regulator](#), the [Columbia Basin Trust](#) and the [Columbia Power Corporation](#).

Economic Statement

B.C.'s economy saw mixed performance among sectors in 2025 amid U.S. tariffs and related global economic uncertainty and declining B.C. population growth. Consumer spending was strong through the first half of the year, supported by front-loaded spending ahead of U.S. tariffs (particularly for automobiles), lower inflation and interest rates, but spending has slowed in recent months. Residential construction remained above average in 2025 despite declining from the high levels of activity seen in recent years, and home sales were subdued in 2025. Meanwhile other investment indicators (such as public sector investment and commercial building permits) saw steady growth despite headwinds from economic uncertainty. B.C.'s exports have been resilient amid U.S. tariffs. The value of international exports was unchanged as lower forestry exports and coal prices offset higher values of natural gas and copper exports.

The Economic Forecast Council (EFC) estimates that B.C. real GDP grew by 1.5 per cent in 2025. In the near-term, the EFC expects B.C.'s economy to also grow by 1.5 per cent in 2026 and by 1.9 per cent in 2027, similar to the national average. For Canada, the EFC estimates growth of 1.6 per cent in 2025 and projects national real GDP growth of 1.3 per cent in 2026 and 1.9 per cent in 2027.

A volatile global trade conflict as well as immigration and population fluctuations are the main risks to the outlook. Other risks include commodity price instability, renewed inflationary pressures leading to elevated interest rates, prolonged housing market weakness, and climate change impacts.

Performance Planning

Goal 1: An innovative, low-carbon energy portfolio that advances economic opportunities and climate goals across all sectors.

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	2019/20 Baseline	2025/26 Forecast	2026/27 Target	2027/28 Target	2028/29 Target
[1a] Clean, renewable and low carbon energy as a share of total utility (gas and electric) and transportation energy sales. ¹	29%	Re-stated Target 35% ²	36%	37%	38%

Data source: Compiled by the Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions and includes data from BC Hydro and FortisBC.

¹The following data is tracked to provide the performance measure: BC Hydro's performance in clean procurement; FortisBC's performance in deploying Renewable Natural Gas; relative sales of electricity and natural gas using data from the largest utilities; and transportation fuels data.

²Partial year data is not available.

Performance Measure	2025 Forecast	2026 Target	2027 Target	2028 Target
[1b] Capacity for renewable fuel production in B.C. (million litres). ¹	460	510	570	660

Data source: Compiled by the Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions; data collected directly from renewable fuel producers operating in B.C.

¹Capacity reflects installed or committed nameplate production capacity from projects that have reached final investment decision.

Objective 1.1: Accelerate efforts to electrify B.C.'s economy to support provincial climate goals.

Discussion of Changes

Objective 1.2 and Performance Measure 1b from the 2025/26 Service Plan were moved to Goal 3 in this plan which more appropriately aligns. Performance Measure 1b in this plan is new and reflects the Ministry's efforts to increase the production of renewable fuels.

Goal 2: B.C.'s oil and gas industry supports economic sustainability, reduces its carbon footprint, advances Indigenous reconciliation and exhibits high environmental, social and governance (ESG) performance.

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	2025/26 Forecast	2026/27 Target	2027/28 Target	2028/29 Target
[2a] Annual GHG reductions from infrastructure improvements under royalty programs.	510,000 tonnes	620,000 tonnes	700,000 tonnes	700,000 tonnes

Data source: Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions

Performance Measure	Baseline	2025/26 Forecast	2026/27 Target	2027/28 Target	2028/29 Target
[2b] Percentage of natural gas produced in British Columbia that is exported to markets outside of North America.	0%	10%	24%	25%	27%

Data source: Canada Energy Regulator & Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions

Objective 2.1: Policies, technologies and processes that support the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in the oil and gas sector.

Objective 2.2: Value-added development of B.C.'s energy resources to maximize the benefits to all British Columbians and provide a fair return from our resources.

Discussion of Changes

Performance Measure 2b is new and reflects importance of trade diversification and expansion in light of the Ministry's role in supporting the competitiveness and sustainability of energy industries, accelerating clean-energy infrastructure that could serve export markets, and responding to trade-related risks in energy sectors.

Goal 3: People living in B.C. are supported to improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	2016 Baseline	2025 /26 Forecast	2026/27 Target	2027/28 Target	2028/29 Target
[3a] Number of registered passenger Zero-Emission Vehicles in B.C. ¹	5,000	235,000	275,000	325,000	385,000

Data source: Compiled by Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions from ICBC registration data.

¹Passenger Zero-Emission Vehicle is defined as a light-duty vehicle weighs 4,536 kg (10,000 lbs) or less.

Performance Measure	2016 Baseline ¹	2025 Forecast	2026 Target	2027 Target	2028 Target
[3b] Total number of public charging ports for light-duty vehicles.	781	8,000	8,500	9,000	9,500

Data source: Compiled by the Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions

¹Zero-Emission Vehicle data is reported on a calendar year basis in the legislated [ZEV Annual Update](#).

Performance Measure	2025 Forecast	2026 Target	2027 Target	2028 Target
[3c] Percentage of home heating system installations ¹ that are heat pumps.	33%	34%	36%	39%

Data source: Shipment data from Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Institute of Canada; Housing data from BC Assessment.

¹Heating systems installations are estimated based on the annual total of assessed residential dwellings and equipment stock turnover rates, which are assumed to be 20 years for fossil-fuel equipment in ground-oriented dwellings and 40 years for electric baseboards and any multi-unit residential building equipment.

Objective 3.1: Deliver policies and programs that enable energy efficiency and decarbonization.

Discussion of Changes

Revisions from 2025/26 Goal 3 refocus this goal from “[a] sustainable, clean economy” to supports for people living in B.C. Objective 3.1 in this plan was included in Goal 1 in the 2025/26 Service Plan. Performance Measure 3a has been refined to reflect vehicles in use rather than new sales. Performance Measure 3b is new and measures the continued expansion of public charging infrastructure which supports a cleaner, more efficient transportation system. Performance Measure 3c is new and reflects increasing energy efficiency in home heating.

Objectives 3.1 and 3.2 from the 2025/26 Service Plan are now reflected in the Purpose of the Ministry section of this plan. Performance Measure 3.2 was removed since this work is the responsibility of the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness. For reference, the text of the former Objectives and Performance Measure is as follows:

- Objective 3.1 Provide a pathway for B.C. to prosper economically while significantly reducing our greenhouse gas emissions.
- Objective 3.2 Effective management of the risks and consequences associated with a changing climate.
- Performance Measure 3.2 Develop provincial and regional risk assessments.

Financial Summary

(\$000s)	2025/26 Restated Estimates ¹	2026/27 Estimates	2027/28 Plan	2028/29 Plan
Operating Expenses				
Climate Action	18,710	17,159	16,889	16,807
CleanBC Program for Industry and BC Output Based Pricing System	4,151	6,514	6,514	6,514
Energy Decarbonization	36,978	36,415	36,262	36,262
Electricity and Utility Regulation	3,219	2,944	2,870	2,870
Energy Resources	18,275	20,059	19,614	19,614
Executive and Support Services	4,872	6,593	6,550	6,550
First Nations Clean Energy Business Fund Special Account	10,359	10,582	10,989	11,193
Innovative Clean Energy Fund Special Account	10,905	8,735	8,735	8,735
Total	107,469	109,001	108,423	108,545
Capital Expenditures				
Executive and Support Services	3	3	3	3
Total	3	3	3	3
Other Financing Transactions				
Climate Action Greenhouse Gas Emissions Offsets				
Disbursements	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Receipts	(0,000)	(0,000)	(0,000)	(0,000)
Net Cash Requirements (Source)	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
British Columbia Energy Regulator				
Disbursements	54,510	55,880	58,650	59,830
Receipts	(54,510)	(55,880)	(58,650)	(59,830)
Net Cash Requirements (Source)	0,000	0,000	0,000	0,000
Total Disbursements	64,510	65,880	68,650	69,830
Total Receipts	(54,510)	(55,880)	(58,650)	(59,830)
Total Net Cash Requirements (Source)	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000

¹ For comparative purposes, amounts shown for 2025/26 have been restated to be consistent with the presentation of the 2026/27 *Estimates*.

* Further information on program funding and vote recoveries is available in the [Estimates and Supplement to the Estimates](#).

Appendix A: Public Sector Organizations

As of February 2026, the Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions is responsible and accountable for the following organizations:

BC Energy Regulator

The [BC Energy Regulator](#) is a single-window regulatory agency with responsibilities for overseeing energy activities in B.C., including the management of natural gas, hydrogen, ammonia, methanol, oil and aspects of geothermal operations, with an expanded role in carbon capture and storage. In 2025, the mandate expanded to include wind and solar projects and the oversight of natural resource authorization for prescribed transmission lines, with the potential to regulate additional types of renewable energy sources in future.

BC Hydro

[BC Hydro](#) is one of the largest electricity suppliers in Canada, generating and delivering electricity to 95 per cent of the population of B.C., and serving over four million people.

Columbia Basin Trust

The [Columbia Basin Trust](#) is mandated under the Columbia Basin Trust Act to manage its assets for the ongoing economic, environmental and social benefit of the region. It is also mandated under the Columbia Basin Management Plan to include the people of the Basin in planning for the management of the assets and to work with others to coordinate activities related to the purpose of the Trust.

Columbia Power Corporation

[Columbia Power Corporation](#) (Columbia Power) is a Crown corporation wholly owned and controlled by the Province of British Columbia, existing under the *Business Corporations Act* and reporting to the Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions. Columbia Power is located in Castlegar, near the mountains and valleys that characterize the Columbia Basin. The company owns and operates hydro power projects in the Basin.

Appendix B: Minister Mandate Letter



January 16, 2025

Honourable Adrian Dix
Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions and
Minister responsible for Francophone Affairs
Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Dear Minister Dix:

Congratulations on your appointment as Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions and Minister responsible for Francophone Affairs at a critical time for our province. Serving as a member of the executive council is a privilege and responsibility which I am confident you will fulfill with integrity and a commitment to the people of our province.

British Columbians have trusted us with a mandate to deliver for them in ways that make a tangible difference in their daily lives. They expect us to listen and learn from people of different perspectives – and work together to make things better for everyone.

Specifically, we will tackle the challenges people worry about at the kitchen table:

- **Grow the economy by creating good jobs across British Columbia.** We will collaborate with businesses, workers, and communities to attract investments in both new and traditional sectors as well as emerging sectors of the economy. This approach will bring certainty for business, security for workers, and generate the wealth needed to support the essential services British Columbians rely on.
- **Reduce costs for families** including by helping people access homes they can afford through support for first-time homebuyers, increasing the supply of rental housing stock, and stronger measures to crack down on housing speculation.

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- **Strengthen health care** by expanding access to family doctors and recruiting and training more health professionals, ensuring that every British Columbian can access the care they need, no matter where they live. We will also increase access to addictions treatment and provide help for people whose struggles require intensive supports.
- **Make our neighbourhoods and communities safer** by working with law enforcement and social agencies to address street disorder, crack down on organized crime, and do all we can to ensure repeat offenders stay behind bars.

Our commitment to take action on climate change remains foundational and will be key to a healthy and prosperous BC for future generations.

Underlying all this work is our partnership with Indigenous peoples. Advancing reconciliation, implementing the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* and working in partnership with First Nations rights-holders to advance shared interests is the responsibility of every Minister.

Over this mandate I expect you to prioritize making progress on the following:

- In order to protect key services that British Columbians rely on, work with the Minister of Finance to review all existing Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions programs and initiatives to ensure programs remain relevant, are efficient, grow the economy, and help keep costs low for British Columbians. This is important in the context of current Provincial budget constraints, our climate targets, and the threat of American tariffs.
- Develop ways to ensure costs for energy remain low for people, including through access to home energy retrofits and innovative technology solutions.
- Work with BC Hydro, First Nations, and the renewable power industry through frequent competitive calls for power to increase and diversify BC's generation of electricity as the economy continues to grow.
- Help grow the profitability and success of our clean and low-carbon energy sectors by ensuring engagement and collaboration between business stakeholders and government policy makers, with particular focus on:
 - advocating against proposed tariffs from the United States and ensuring continued expansion of our energy export programs for the mutual success of British Columbians and our trading partners;
 - expanding global markets for our products to diversify and reduce trade risk; and,
 - preparing contingency plans for direct and indirect support of energy exporters, including BC Hydro, in the event the tariffs are imposed.

- Work with relevant ministries, First Nations, other governments, project proponents, and key stakeholders to dramatically accelerate permit approval for clean and low-carbon energy infrastructure across the province while preserving our world-leading environmental standards.
- Work with the federal government to cap emissions from the oil and gas sector while attracting investment from producers that use best-in-class emissions reduction technology, create jobs for local workers, and build partnerships with First Nations.
- Ensure BC Hydro is responsive to changing market conditions and demands for large load capacity from potential local and international investors to grow our economy and reduce our emissions while protecting residential ratepayers.
- Identify innovative ways to help us meet our carbon emission goals in a manner that reduces cost burdens for BC families and businesses, grows our economy, and positions us for trade diversification and expansion in light of growing global economic and political instability and supply chain cost inflation.

As you are aware, we have established an accord with the BC Green Caucus that supports our shared commitment to ensuring stable governance focused on delivering progress and tangible outcomes for British Columbians. The commitments in that accord complement the direction in these mandate letters.

As a Cabinet, we will uphold the highest standards of ethics, collaboration, and good conduct in service of the public, and as a Minister of the Crown, you are expected to review, understand, and act according to the *Members' Conflict of Interest Act*. You will establish a collaborative working relationship with your Deputy Minister and the public servants under their direction, who provide the professional, non-partisan advice that is fundamental to delivering on our government's priorities. Your Minister's Office must meet the highest standards for integrity and provide a respectful, rewarding environment for all staff.

The work we have ahead takes place in a profoundly challenging geopolitical environment. Close friends and neighbours to our south are contemplating imposing draconian tariffs on our products that would hurt both Americans and Canadians. Our allies internationally face governmental instability. Hate and racism are on the rise around the world. Artificial intelligence breakthroughs with unclear implications and astonishing potential are announced daily. Global inflation, snarled supply chains, and war are threatening global economic growth and prosperity as well as the transition to a low-carbon economy.

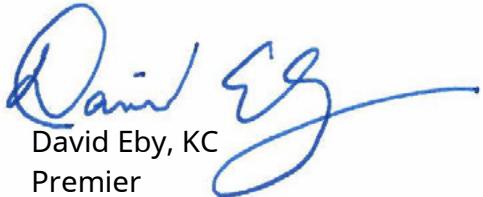
We have an obligation to protect and defend British Columbians, as well as seize opportunities, in these uncertain times.

The good news is that we have everything we need to succeed, and we will succeed. British Columbia's people – our workers, entrepreneurs, business leaders, artists, and innovators – are among the most talented in the world. We are home to world-class educational institutions and public services. Our natural beauty is unmatched, we have internationally envied resources, and we are one of the most diverse places on the planet. Your job is to help us leverage these advantages in perilous times.

Use this mandate letter to guide your work, and do not be afraid to challenge assumptions, or be innovative, bold and aggressive in achieving the goals set out for you and your Ministry by the people of this province.

Thank you for joining me in the work ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Eby".

David Eby, KC
Premier