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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ACT
 MINISTER OF INNOVATION AND ADVANCED LEARNING
 AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT
 (TWELFTH PROTOCOL OF AMENDMENT
 AGREEMENT ON INTERNAL TRADE)
 WITH THE
 GOVERNMENTS OF CANADA, THE OTHER PROVINCES
 AND THE TERRITORIES

Pursuant to clauses 10(a) and (b) of the *Executive Council Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. E-12 Council authorized the Minister of Innovation and Advanced Learning to enter into an agreement with the Governments of Canada, the other Provinces and the Territories, as represented by their respective Ministers Responsible for Internal Trade, to revise Chapter 5 (Procurement), Chapter 7 (Labour Mobility), Chapter 17 (Dispute Resolution Procedures), and Chapter 18 (Final Provisions) of the Agreement on Internal Trade, such as more particularly described in the draft agreement.

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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ACT
 PREMIER
 AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT
 (COST-SHARING OF EXPENDITURES RELATED
 TO THE TOUR OF THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES
 THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF CAMBRIDGE)
 WITH
 THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

Pursuant to clause 10(a) of the *Executive Council Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. E-12 Council authorized the Premier, as Minister Responsible for Intergovernmental Affairs, to enter into an agreement with the Government of Canada, as represented by the Minister of Canadian Heritage, to set out cost-sharing arrangements related to expenses for the tour to Canada by their Royal Highnesses, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, from 30 June to 8 July 2011, such as more particularly described in the draft agreement.

EC2011-268**PUBLIC DEPARTMENTS ACT
ACTING MINISTER
APPOINTMENT**

Under authority of subsection 4(2) of the *Public Departments Act*, R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. P-29 the following appointments were made:

Honourable Robert Vessey to be Acting Minister of Environment, Energy and Forestry commencing on the 10th day of June 2011, and continuing for the duration of the absence from the Province of Honourable Richard Brown.

EC2011-269**PUBLIC INQUIRIES ACT
PEI ENERGY COMMISSION
COMMISSION ESTABLISHED
APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS**

On recommendation from the Honourable Premier and President of the Executive Council and pursuant to the *Public Inquiries Act*, R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. P-31, Council established the PEI Energy Commission to inquire into and provide advice on ways in which Prince Edward Island's high cost of electricity can be structurally reduced and/or stabilized over the longer term.

Further, Council appointed the following persons as Commissioners to conduct such inquiry:

Michael O'Brien, CA, Charlottetown, Co-chair
David Arseneault, CA, Charlottetown, Co-chair
Gerald Morneau, P.Eng., Summerside
Richard Hassard, MBA, Goose River
Roger King, P.Eng., MBA, Hunter River

And further, Council advised that the inquiry is directed to examine, inquire into and report as follows:

1. Under the Prince Edward Island Energy Accord, the Province has assumed short term debt associated with Point Lepreau refurbishment; the Commission will provide recommendations on how Point Lepreau deferral costs can best be financed over the longer term;
2. Examine and provide recommendations on long-term ownership and management of electricity on Prince Edward Island including the advantages and disadvantages of public ownership or government owning generation with private control of transmission and distribution;
3. This examination will draw on a review of best practices in other jurisdictions;
4. In addition to the work being undertaken by the Province to secure federal funding for a new cable, provide mitigation advice as it may relate to a new cable;
5. Provide advice and direction with regard to further regional energy collaboration, including demand-side management approaches;

6. Provide advice and direction on how Prince Edward Island can further advance its environmental stewardship responsibilities related to electricity;
7. Examine and comment on all cost elements associated with Prince Edward Island's current system;
8. Provide advice and recommendations as to the future role of the Prince Edward Island Energy Corporation, the Island Regulatory and Appeals Commission (as it relates to electricity), and the Office of Energy Efficiency;
9. Provide advice on the optimal scope and size that locally generated electricity from renewal energy sources can play in addressing Prince Edward Island's future energy goals;
10. Other matters in keeping with the overall goals of the Prince Edward Island Energy Accord, as agreed by the Commission and Government.

And further, Council directed the Commissioners to seek the views of individuals and organizations concerned with the subject matter of the inquiry and empowered them to:

- adopt such procedures and methods as they deem appropriate for the proper conduct of the inquiry;
- exercise all powers conferred upon them by the *Public Inquiries Act*; and
- seek and expect such assistance of officers and employees of the departments and agencies of the Government of Prince Edward Island in any way they may require for the conduct of the inquiry.

And further, Council directed that the Commissioners present a final report of their findings and recommendations to the Lieutenant Governor in Council by September 2012.