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TO ALL FARMERS:

RE: Solar Photovoltaic Interest

The provincial government has introduced The Green Energy Act which is expected to be enacted in October. One of the main programs coming out of the Act is a proposed Feed-In-Tariff program (FIT) which specifies the prices paid by the government for the generation of electricity from renewable sources. Of particular interest are the FIT prices paid for solar photovoltaic projects. The prices are –

Technology	Capacity Range	Price (cents/kWh)
Micro Solar PV (ground or rooftop)	Up to 10 kW	80.2
Rooftop Solar PV	Over 10 kW up to 100 kW	71.3
Rooftop Solar PV	Over 100 kW up to 500 kW	63.5
Rooftop Solar PV	Over 500 kW	53.9
Ground Mounted	Under 10 MW	44.3

The significant increase in rates has made micro solar projects economically attractive resulting in a 10% +/- annual return on your investment.

As a member-owned co-operative, we believe we are in a good position to make such projects even more attractive by aggregating volumes to obtain reduced pricing on solar panels which make up the majority of the installed cost and by applying a ‘cookie-cutter’ approach to the configuration and installation.

Initially we will be offering a program to offer a 10 kW *micro*SOLAR PV System (preferably ground-mounted) which requires about 1,000 square feet. The features and benefits of such a program would be as follows –

- A. Benefits –
 - a. Hassle free
 - b. Attractive return on investment
 - c. Minimal effect of productive farmland
 - d. Reduces your carbon footprint.
- B. Features –
 - a. A 10 kW solar photovoltaic system specifically designed for agriculture
 - b. A turn-key solution including site assessment, approvals, installation and connection
 - c. 20-year electricity sales contract with the provincial government
 - d. Discount pricing
 - e. Dependable suppliers using proven equipment

We estimate the capital cost of a ground-mounted 10 kW *micro*SOLAR PV System to be about \$75,000 plus tax. The provincial government estimates the capital cost at \$92,000 plus tax. We believe we can lower the cost.