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Alberta NDP Responses to Questions from Alberta Renewable Energy Alliance

- Q. Will you commit to improving the health of Albertans, and cleaning our air by replacing coal power plants with renewable energy by 2030?**
- A. Alberta's NDP has made accelerating the phase-out of coal-fired power part of our party's platform and a big part of our carbon reduction strategy – our leader Rachel Notley even presented a private member's motion on the matter in the last sitting of the Legislature in March this year. More than this, our Party has committed to enhanced environmental monitoring and enforcement in order to ensure that Alberta's air is clean, and that as a result, the health of Albertans is protected. We will also create a strategy to tackle climate change, and make investments in our transit systems to further clean the air of our cities.
- Q. How will you progress from a boom and bust hydrocarbon revenue stream to developing a resilient and diversified economy with stable jobs?**
- A. The Alberta NDP believes strongly in the need to get off the boom-and-bust cycle that we have allowed ourselves to get trapped in by relying to heavily on fossil fuel revenue streams. We have platform planks that will diversify, stabilize, and strengthen Alberta's economy:
- I. Establish a Resource Owners' Rights Commission to investigate whether or not we are getting full and fair value for our natural resources, and how we can use our royalty system to encourage value-added processing of resources here at home.
 - II. Establish a job creator's tax credit to encourage a wide array of businesses to create employment opportunities here in the province.
 - III. Actively work, through tax and regulatory changes, to create environments favourable to high tech industries, renewable energy, and the knowledge economy.
 - IV. Invest in post-secondary education to ensure that we are training the next generation of innovators right here in Alberta.
- Q. How will you guarantee that Albertans will be seen on the global stage as responsible stewards of our energy heritage and our children's environment?**
- A. Alberta's NDP realizes that if Alberta is going to market its products abroad, it needs to do its part to fight a major ecological issue of our era: climate change and the protection of our air, lands and water. Our platform has several measures that will curb our carbon emissions and address overall environmental quality in Alberta:

- I. We will end the costly and ineffective Carbon Capture and Storage experiment and re-invest \$250 million from this project into construction of public transit, which reduce families' transportation costs and helps to reduce greenhouse gases and other air pollutants.
- II. Creating an energy efficiency program, including offering Alberta families, farms, and small businesses interest-free loans of up to \$10,000 to green retrofit their homes, offices, or other facilities.
- III. Phasing out coal-fired electricity generation.
- IV. We will strengthen environmental standards, inspection, monitoring and enforcement to protect Alberta's water, land and air. We will build standards based on independent science and international best practices, designed transparently in careful consultation with Albertans
- V. We will take leadership on the issue of climate change and make sure Alberta is part of crafting solutions with stakeholders, other provinces and the federal government. First steps will include an energy efficiency strategy and a renewable energy strategy.