

energy politics. Neither will it drift out of touch with the realities of world markets, as a result of administered prices.

As for the petroleum industry, we expect its promises to be fulfilled. We expect increased activity and jobs. Industry successfully argued for decontrol and for the removal of PGRT and PIP. Be clear that we suggest incentives only to promote Canadianization — the industry in general does not require financial assistance. But we do make the commitment that the “rules of the game” should be clear, known and enduring. We do not want the Canadian economy to falter because of uncertainty engendered by government policy.

To the government of the day, we offer the following. Petroleum remains predominant in Canada’s energy affairs. Move now to set into place the rules and infrastructure to bring more Canadian production on stream, and install the remaining elements of the distribution systems needed to make Canadian energy available to all Canadians. Provide the leadership necessary to encourage conservation, oil substitution, alternate forms of energy and a gradual Canadianization, and allow the companies in the petroleum sector to pursue business activities, taking the full risk that may be involved. The gains on the upside are sufficient incentive for the industry to weather the downside.



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