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## EcoLogo™ Extends Deadline for Third Review of its Renewable Low-Impact Electricity Standard

**OTTAWA July 26, 2010** – EcoLogo, one of North America’s most recognizable eco-labels, is extending the review period for the third draft of its Renewable Low-Impact Electricity Products standard for public and stakeholder comment by an additional three weeks. The Program will now accept stakeholder comments until Friday, August 20, 2010.

“Due to the number of comments we have received on the third draft of the Renewable Low-Impact Electricity Products Standard, particularly in terms of the requirements for hydro-powered electricity products, the EcoLogo Program will be revisiting some of the wording in order to clarify the intent and criteria of this section,” says Dr. Angela Griffiths, Executive Director of the EcoLogo Program.

Based on the second round of consultations, the following significant changes are proposed in the third draft of the standard:

- The addition of renewable energy certificates and associated requirements;
- The addition of tidal and wave-powered electricity and associated requirements;
- An update on fish protection rules for hydro as well as the inclusion of a method for protecting the flow of rivers;
- An update on bird protection rules for wind power as well as new provisions for the protection of bats;
- An update for biomass and biogas products based on changes in environmental standards;
- The inclusion of general provisions for waste and water management; and
- The inclusion of geothermal-powered electricity and associated requirements.

This stakeholder consultation period was initially open until July 30, 2010, but has been extended until August 20, 2010.

Stakeholders wishing to provide comments in the review of the EcoLogo standard for Renewable Low-Impact Electricity Products are asked to forward feedback directly to Julie Baribeau at [jbaribeau@ecologo.org](mailto:jbaribeau@ecologo.org) or at 1-613-247-1900 ext: 241.

For more information about the proposed criteria development process, visit [www.ecologo.org](http://www.ecologo.org), click on “Our Standards”, select “Standards in Development or Review” and choose CCD-003 for Renewable Low-Impact Electricity.

### **About EcoLogo™:**

EcoLogo is a third-party, multi-attribute eco-labeling program approved by the Global Ecolabelling Network, an international association of eco-labeling programs, as meeting the ISO 14024 standard. EcoLogo was established in 1988 and today is one of the most recognizable eco-labels in North America. For more information, visit [www.ecologo.org](http://www.ecologo.org).

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