

# Feed-In Tariffs Worldwide

- 35 countries or states
- Guaranteed access to the grid
- Tariffs based on cost of generation, investment
- Tariffs differentiated by technology type, size, and application
- 10-25 year contracts
- FITs have enabled 75% of global PV, 45% of global wind power



# Feed-In Tariffs in BC - The Paradox

**BC already produces average 95% renewable electricity  
= 54,000 GWh/year**

**The last Clean Power Call received 17,000 GWh in offers, and  
BC Hydro issued contracts for 3,000 GWh at 12 cents/kWh**

**The concern: a successful FIT in BC would produce surplus  
electricity which would have to be exported at a lower price.**



**Bear Mountain Wind Park, Dawson Creek**

# Ontario's Feed-In Tariff



**In 2010 - offers for 9,265 MW**

**Signed contracts for 2533 MW = 5,500 GWh/yr**

**Cost \$10 billion**

# **BC's Proposed Feed-In Tariff**

**Specifically NOT to act as a general power procurement tool**

## **Six Objectives:**

- 1. To foster innovative technologies that support conservation, efficiency, and clean renewable energy**
- 2. To ensure that BC Hydro rates remain low**
- 3. To reduce GHG emissions**
- 4. To encourage economic development and job creation**
- 5. To foster renewable energy in First Nations and non-integrated rural communities (getting off diesel)**
- 6. To reduce waste**

# BC's Proposed Feed-In Tariff

- **\$25 million pa annual budget above cost of acquiring the same power through the Standard Offer Program**
- **Aiming to produce a 5-10% return on investments**
- **5 year contracts**
- **5 MW project limit**
- **“First come, first served” intake process**
- **Biomass - Biogas - Geothermal - Ocean Energy - Hydro instream**
- **No solar or wind except in non-integrated areas and First Nations**
- **Cost covered by ratepayers, taxpayers, or both**

# BCSEA Recommendations

## 1. Annual Budget \$50 Million

- **Would stimulate 250 GWh a year = 2.5% of last Clean Power Call, 0.23% of BC Hydro's annual power production**
- **Will not create excess power for export**
- **Build up over ten years**
- **Each year: \$5 million for new projects**
- **By Year Ten, cost = \$50 million/year**
- **Household cost in Year One: 8.4 cents/month**
- **Household cost by Year Ten = \$0.84 cents/month**

# **BCSEA Recommendations**

## **2. Payment on BC Hydro Utility Rates**

- **Standard FIT approach around the world**
- **Reliable, not vulnerable to politics**
- **Integrated into BC Hydro's planning**

# **BCSEA Recommendations**

## **3. 20-year contracts, not 5 years**

**The need for investors' return of 5-10% will require a much higher tariff price/kWh if tariff is for 5 years, not 20.**



# BCSEA Recommendations

## 4: The 5 MW Limit

May not be suitable for Geothermal and Ocean Energy

May be also inappropriate for Biomass



# BCSEA Recommendations

## 5. Changed Intake Process

Technology allocations, not 'first come first served':

|                      |                     |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| Geothermal           | \$xx million        |
| Ocean                | \$xx million        |
| Solar                | \$xx million        |
| Biomass              | \$xx million        |
| Biogas               | \$xx million        |
| Hydrokinetic + other | \$xx million        |
| Renewable Heat       | \$xx million        |
| First Nations        | \$xx million        |
| Non-Integrated       | \$xx million        |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>\$50 million</b> |

# BCSEA Recommendations

## 6: Premium for Community-Owned Projects



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## 7: Openness and Transparency

In Ontario, the Feed-In Tariff program design  
was praised  
for the openness and transparency  
of the stakeholder engagement process.



# BCSEA Recommendations

## 8: Renewable Heat

**Joules = kWh immediate measurement**

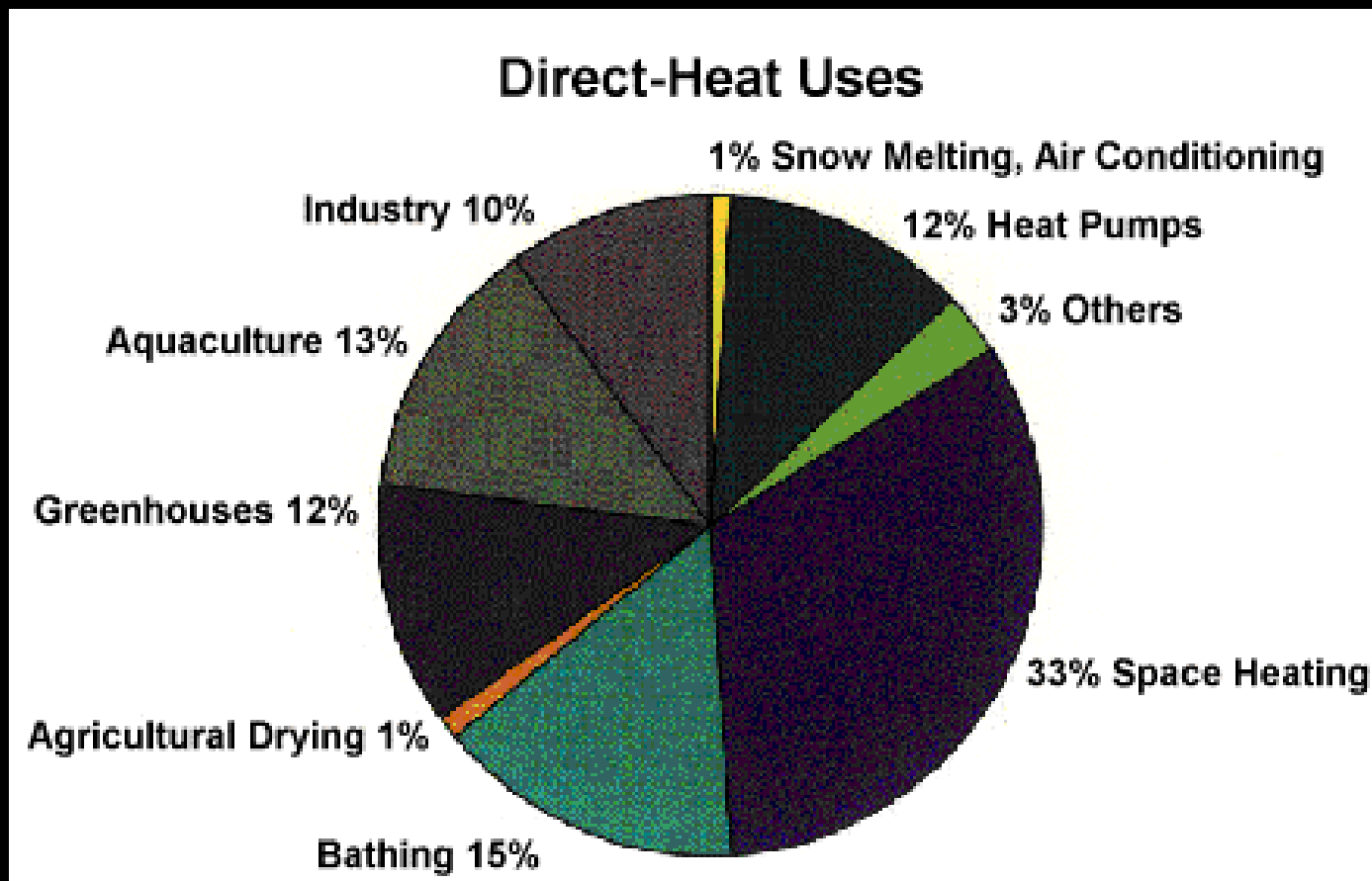
**Germany, France, Spain, Switzerland pay renewable heat FIT bonus for cogeneration. Britain is proposing a full renewable heat FIT.**

**Proposed BC Renewable Heat FIT :**

- (a) Cogeneration from biomass and biogas**
- (b) Geothermal direct heat for district heating**
- (c) Biogas**
- (d) Solar thermal heat**
- (e) Super-efficient heat pumps in super-efficient buildings**

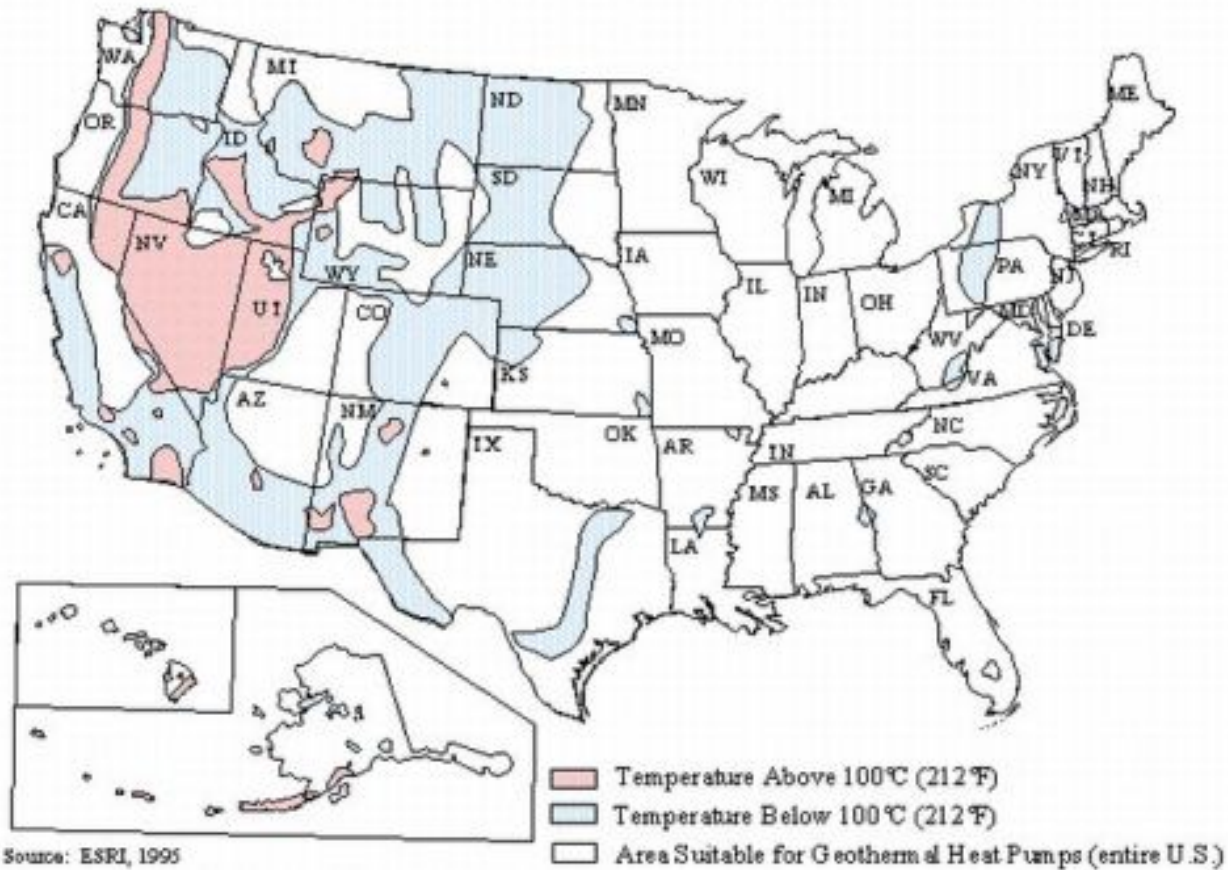
# BCSEA Recommendations

## Geothermal Heat



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## Solar Thermal Heat

- Direct electronic metering in kWh now possible
- Tariff at eg 15 cents/kWh = \$150 - \$200 a year (20 years)
- Cost to BC Hydro above Standard Offer Program would be \$30 - \$45 per household/year





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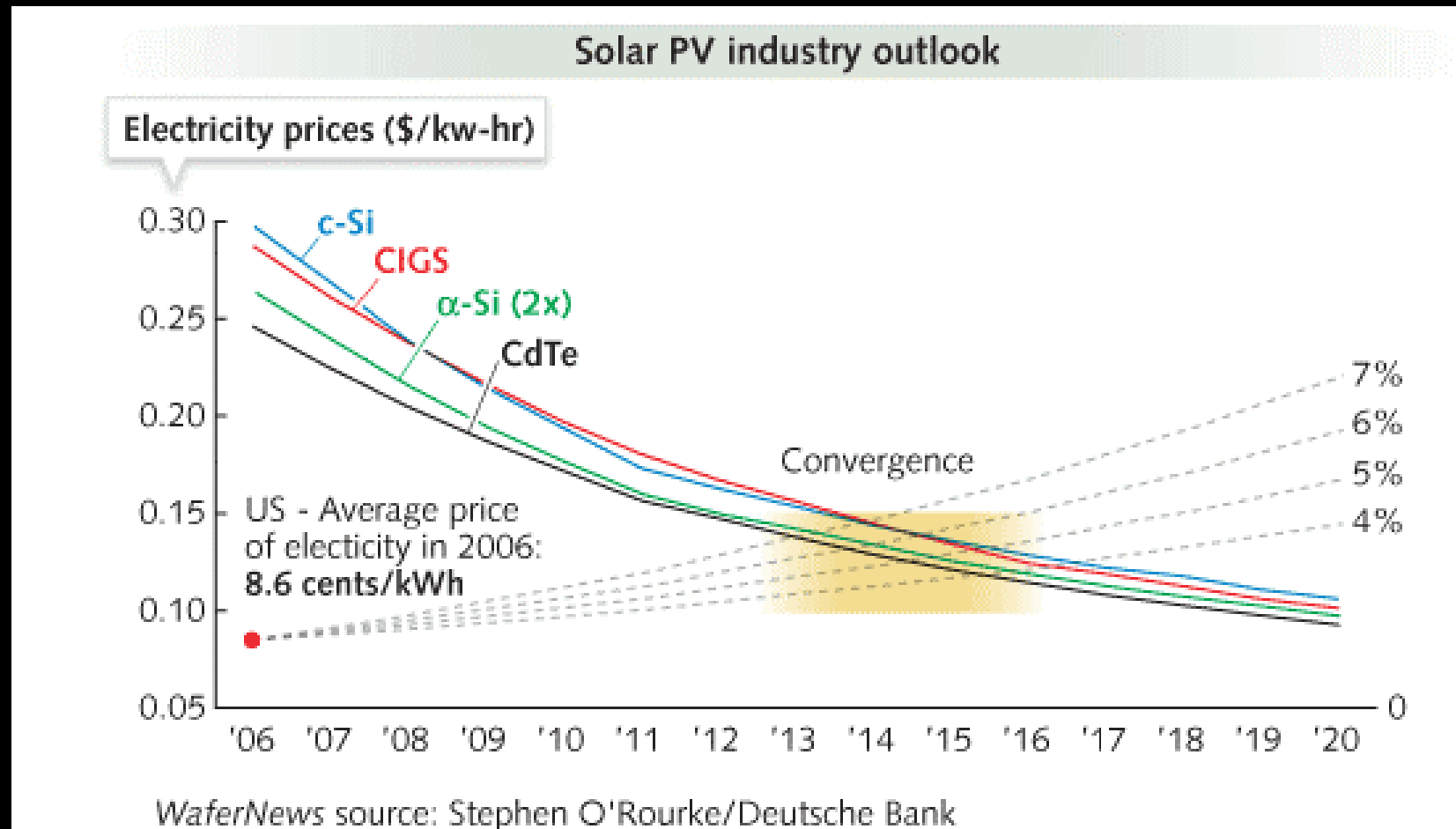
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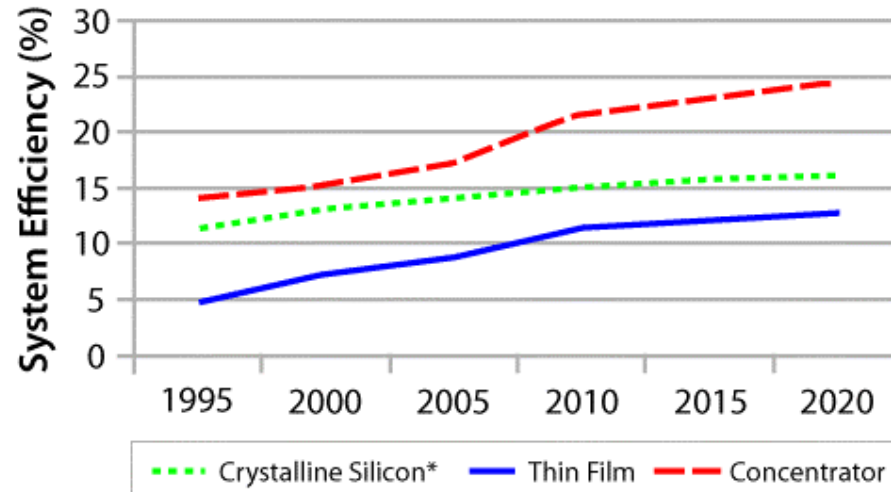


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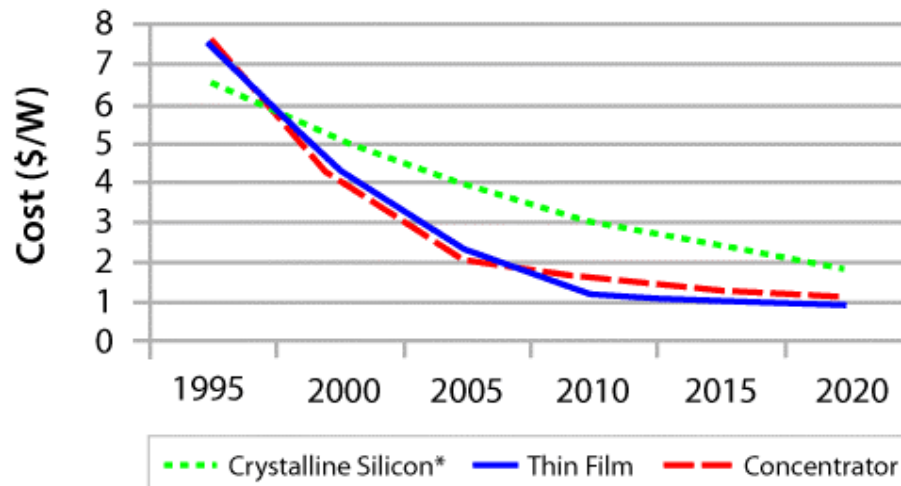
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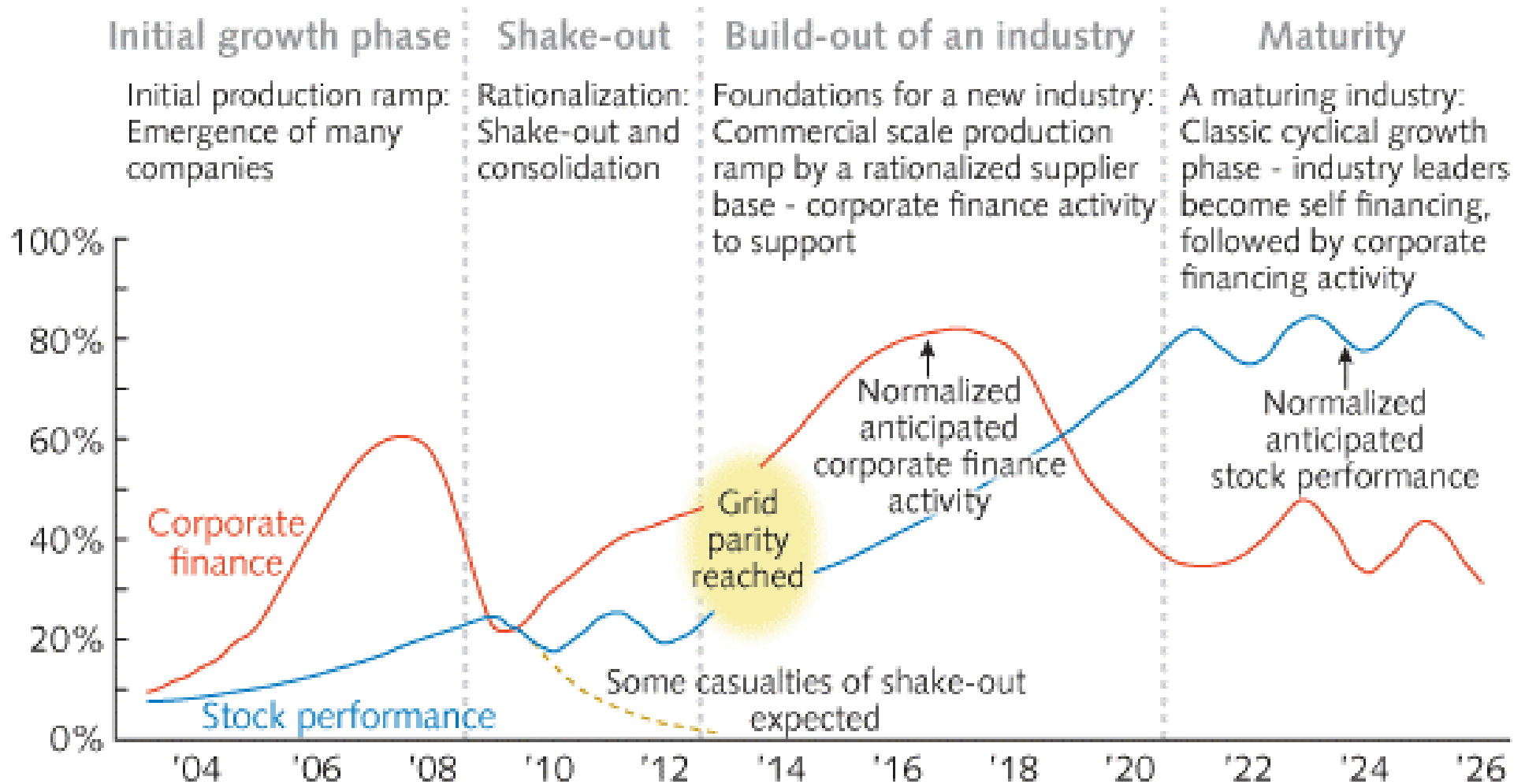


### PV System Efficiency



### PV System Capital Cost





WaferNews source: Stephen O'Rourke/Deutsche Bank



**Critical industry-building period  
2012 - 2020**



- **Support BC's goal of 100,000 Solar Roofs by 2020**
- **Support BC's energy conservation goal (66% new load)**
- **Contribute to grid-firming**
- **Economic development, job creation**
- **Locally available sustainable electricity**
- **BC preparation for the coming solar revolution**
- **Complement in the mix of renewables needed in First Nations, non-integrated rural communities.**

# BCSEA Recommendations



**\$500,000 annual budget = 1,000 kW a year**

**\$5 million over ten years = 10 MW**

**1 kW = 1,000 kWh/yr    10 MW = 10 GWh/yr**

**Two programs being proposed...**

# BCSEA Recommendations

## A: Super-Efficient Buildings Solar FIT

Support BC Hydro's drive to greater energy conservation by appealing to green building leaders

Support government's goal of zero net energy buildings by 2020, offsetting the load-increasing move to heat-pumps

| Building type        | Super-efficiency requirement                      | Size limit |
|----------------------|---|------------|
| New residential      | Energide for New Homes ENH 85 (building envelope) | 5 kW       |
| Residential retrofit | Energide 80 (= 2% of average retrofits)           | 5 kW       |
| New commercial       | 90% reduction in fossil fuel consumption          | 10 kW      |
| Commercial retrofit  | 80% reduction in fossil fuel consumption          | 10 kW      |
| All                  | No base-board heaters allowed                     | -          |

# BCSEA's Recommendations

## B: Solar Electric Vehicles FIT



**Accelerate uptake of electric vehicles  
to meet BC's 33% GHG reduction goal.**

**One million EVs = 1,500 - 5,000 GWh/year additional load**

**10 year target = 1,000 5 kW charging posts  
= 5 GWh/yr**



# BCSEA Recommendations

## 10: Sustainable Biomass



### Must -

- be designed for cogeneration of district heat
- derive fuel from sustainably managed sources
- not derive fuel from garbage
- demonstrate positive net GHG reduction, incl transport.



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