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## Notice of Eco-fee Changes Effective October 1, 2011 for the Product Care LightRecycle Program in B.C.

Dear LightRecycle Members and Stakeholders,

The LightRecycle program, managed by Product Care Association, is changing the eco-fee on compact fluorescent bulbs and tubes (residential use) to better reflect the actual program costs for each of the lamp types and sizes, including collection, transportation, and processing of the products, experienced by the program over the first year of operations. Setting fee rates for these products is particularly challenging and must take into account factors such as:

- The program is still in its early stages, as awareness increases (more promotion is planned) return rates (and costs) will climb.
- CFLs are a relatively new technology and many of the first lamps sold are still in use. Also CFL lifespans have been improving, lengthening the period between sale and return.
- However there is indication that CFLs may be largely replaced by LEDs in the not too distant future so that the program could be faced with declining revenue and increasing costs for this type of lamp.
- Fluorescent tubes (also called linear lamps) have been in use for many years and have more stable sales patterns, but there are challenges distinguishing residential use from commercial use lamps, both on the sales and return sides of the program. This issue will resolve when the program expands to include all commercial use lamps on July 1, 2012.

Product Care will continue to work on improvements to the LightRecycle program by increasing collection volumes and reducing operational costs. For the reasons given above, there may need to be fee changes in the future as the program progresses.

The eco-fees for compact fluorescent lamps and tubes in the LightRecycle program will be changed effective October 1, 2011 as follows:

Lamp Type (residential use only)	Common size	New eco fee rates effective October 1, 2011	Current eco-fee per unit	Change
Compact Fluorescent Lamps	CFL	<b>\$0.15</b>	\$0.25	(\$0.10)
Tubes measuring less than or equal to 2 feet	2 feet	<b>\$0.20</b>	\$0.20	-
Tubes measuring greater than 2 feet and up to or equal to 4 feet	4 feet	<b>\$0.40</b>	\$0.25	+\$0.15
Tubes measuring greater than 4 feet	8 feet	<b>\$0.55</b>	\$0.40	+\$0.15



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