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Dear Stakeholder:

We are writing today to inform you that our government has revoked Ontario Regulation 355/17, effective January 1, 2021, removing the requirement to release a new Long-Term Energy Plan (LTEP) every three years.

As we indicated during our consultations this summer, revoking O. Reg. 355/17 is the first step toward our plan to reform Ontario's long-term energy planning process, building on our commitment to increase the effectiveness, transparency and accountability of energy decision-making in Ontario. Ontarians' confidence in our electricity system will be improved through the design and implementation of an improved framework.

As we develop this new framework, we will be calling upon you and a range of energy sector participants, experts, Indigenous leaders, and Ontario businesses and residents more broadly, to share your expertise, experience and ideas about how we can eliminate political interference and maximize transparency and accountability in our energy planning process. This new framework, with your support, will ensure that future decisions are made with an eye to cost, and in the best interest of Ontario's electricity customers.

In order to solicit broad-based feedback from across the province, the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines will be opening a formal 90-day engagement on the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO), through which we invite you to share your perspectives and expertise. Please monitor the ERO for this notice and for a more detailed timeline in the near future.

Our government, through the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines, is committed to building a transparent long-term energy planning framework that prioritizes Ontario's energy consumers. With your support, we are confident we will achieve this.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Greg Rickford in black ink.

The Honourable Greg Rickford
Minister of Energy, Northern
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The Honourable Bill Walker
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