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CHAIR ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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Ms Cynthia Chaplin Chair Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319 2300 Yonge Street Toronto ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms Chaplin:

Re: Time limit for review of the Integrated Power System Plan (IPSP)

I write pursuant to my authority as Minister of Energy in order to exercise the statutory power of ministerial direction which I have in respect of the Ontario Energy Board (the 'Board') under subsection 25.30 (6) of the Electricity Act, 1998 (the 'Act').

As you are aware, I recently issued a Supply Mix Directive to the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) pursuant to my authority under subsection 25.30 (2) of the Act. Later this year, it is anticipated that the OPA will submit an IPSP to the Board for its review to ensure that the plan complies with the Supply Mix Directive and is economically prudent and cost effective.

The government wishes to ensure that stakeholders and the public at large have an opportunity to be involved in the Board's review process while at the same time ensuring that the plan can be reviewed in a timely manner.

Pursuant to my authority under subsection 25.30 (6) of the Act, I hereby direct the Board to ensure that the review of the IPSP be carried out not later than 12 months after the date the OPA submits its IPSP to the Board.

This direction shall be effective and binding as of the date hereof.

Sincerely,

Brad Duguid Minister