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Ms Rosemarie Leclair
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Ontario Energy Board
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Dear Ms Leclair:

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I am writing in response to the Long-Term Energy Plan (LTEP) Implementation Plan submitted to me by the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on January 31, 2018. I approve this plan and am looking forward to working with the OEB as it moves forward on the initiatives contained in the plan.

The Province followed the energy planning process outlined in the *Electricity Act, 1998* to prepare the 2017 LTEP: *Delivering Fairness and Choice*. Regarding implementation, the legislative process gives me the authority to issue a directive to the OEB requesting it prepare a plan to implement specific LTEP initiatives. The implementation plan submitted by the OEB fulfils the requirements of the directive I issued to the OEB on October 26, 2017.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the OEB for its commitment to engage regulated entities and consumers as it moves forward on its plan. I trust that the OEB will continue to successfully work with these partners as it implements the initiatives outlined in the plan.

The initiatives within the OEB's implementation plan represent an opportunity to work toward a more inclusive, innovative, transparent and customer-focused electricity system. I look forward to seeing more detail over time about work plans to address those elements of the LTEP and my directive that will be further developed, as well as progress on the initiatives that you have outlined and the benefits they will bring to Ontario's energy system.

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Once again, thank you for your dedication and hard work, and I look forward to continuing to work together to serve Ontario and its ratepayers.

Sincerely,

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Glenn Thibeault
Minister

c: Serge Imbrogno, Deputy Minister of Energy