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Ontario Energy Board  
2300 Yonge St., Suite 2700  
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Dear Ms. Zagar,

In connection with the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Ministry of Energy (ENERGY) and the Ontario Energy Board (OEB), I am providing a copy of the affirmation statement for OEB Chair Richard Dicerni's signature.

As per both the MOU and the Agencies and Appointments Directive (AAD), the Minister and the Chair are required to reaffirm the MOU if a new Minister or a new Chair takes office prior to the MOU's expiry.

On June 18, 2021, the Honourable Todd Smith was appointed Minister of Energy, which is after the current MOU was signed. In order to meet the requirements of the MOU and the AAD, I ask that Mr. Dicerni sign the enclosed statement of affirmation and return it to my office so that it can be forwarded to Minister Smith for his signature, after which we will provide a fully executed copy to you for the OEB's records.

I look forward to continuing our work together to meet the mutually agreed-upon commitments provided for in the MOU.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stephen Rhodes". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Stephen" and last name "Rhodes" clearly legible.

Stephen Rhodes  
Deputy Minister

**Letter / Statement of Affirmation  
Pertaining to the Memorandum of Understanding  
Between the Minister of Energy and  
the Chair of the Ontario Energy Board**

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**Whereas** the former Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines (ENDM) and the Chair of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) effective February 11, 2021, which established the accountability relationship between the Parties (the “MOU”);

**And whereas**, the Management Board of Cabinet’s Agencies and Appointments Directive (AAD) and section 17.5 of the MOU require that if a new Minister or Chair takes office before the MOU expires, the Minister and Chair must either sign a letter of affirmation to be attached to the MOU or sign the existing MOU within six months of the change;

**And whereas**, the Minister of Energy (ENERGY) is responsible for the administration of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* by Order in Council, dated July 28, 2021, of the Lieutenant Governor acting for and on behalf of the Crown;

**And whereas**, the Honourable Todd Smith was appointed the Minister of Energy on June 18, 2021;

**Now therefore**, in accordance with the aforementioned requirements, we, the undersigned, affirm that the attached MOU continues to remain in force and effect.



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Hon. Todd Smith  
Minister of Energy

October 5, 2021



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Richard Dicerni  
Chair, Ontario Energy Board

October 5, 2021  
Date