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Mr. Colin Andersen  
Chief Executive Officer  
Ontario Power Authority  
1600-120 Adelaide Street West  
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Dear Mr. Andersen:

I write pursuant to my authority as the Minister of Energy, in order to exercise the statutory powers of ministerial direction which I have in respect of the Ontario Power Authority (the "**OPA**") under section 25.35 of the Electricity Act, 1998 (the "**EA**").

There has been a very positive response to the microFIT program, including a large number of applications for solar PV microFIT projects ("**Solar MicroProjects**").

Some applicants for Solar MicroProjects for which conditional offers were issued prior to 2011 ("**Pre-2011 Solar MicroProjects**") were unable to reach commercial operation before 2011 owing to delays beyond their control.

On January 28, 2011, Deputy Minister David Lindsay wrote to the OPA requesting an extension for FIT and microFIT contracts. This direction provides further clarity concerning the solar PV microFIT contract extensions referred to in the Deputy Minister's letter.

**Direction**

In order to provide Pre-2011 Solar MicroProject applicants with more flexibility to meet domestic content requirements, I hereby amend the September 24, 2009 Minister's direction to the OPA as follows:

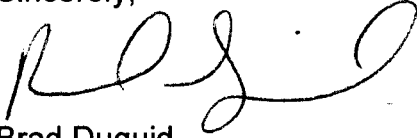
1. Applicants who submitted eligible Solar MicroProject applications that were received by the OPA on or before October 8, 2010 will have to meet a minimum domestic content requirement of 40%. Applicants have the option of choosing to meet a higher domestic content threshold.
2. All other applicants for Solar MicroProjects will have to meet a minimum domestic content requirement of 60%.

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For greater clarity, these amended requirements apply to all Solar MicroProject applicants, including those who submitted Solar MicroProject applications to the OPA before noon on July 2, 2010.

This direction is effective and binding as of the date hereof.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brad Duguid', with a stylized, cursive script.

Brad Duguid  
Minister