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Dear Mr. Andersen and Mr. Campbell:

Ontario's new government announced today that it intends to improve the way in which large energy projects are planned, sited, and built in Ontario.

To this end, I am writing to you to request that the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) and the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) work together to develop recommendations for a new integrated regional energy planning process that would focus on improving how large energy infrastructure projects are sited in Ontario.

The recommendations you develop should contain concrete proposals that:

- detail an approach to regional energy plans, including setting out procedures for development of such plans;
- feature transparent mechanisms for seeking input from municipalities, Aboriginal communities, and other stakeholders in the development of regional energy plans;
- include processes for ensuring that municipalities are engaged in the siting of large energy infrastructure projects; and
- reflect any recommendations with respect to siting large energy infrastructure projects made by the Standing Committee on Justice Policy.

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I encourage you to engage and involve any stakeholders necessary for ensuring that the recommendations you develop will achieve the objectives outlined above.

It is my expectation that the OPA and the IESO will provide a joint report back to me with recommendations by August 1, 2013. I also expect that this report back will contain details on how to implement regional energy plans, including: suggested consultations, required policy and regulatory changes, as well as implementation timelines.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'C' followed by a horizontal line and a small flourish.

Bob Chiarelli
Minister

c: James D. Hinds, Chair, OPA
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