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Mr. Howard I. Wetston, QC
Chair, Ontario Energy Board
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Dear Mr. Wetston:

As you know, Ontario will be implementing the Harmonized Sales Tax effective July 1, 2010. The government of Ontario is committed to ensuring that the tax savings to business that will result from this tax reform are fully flowed through to Ontarians.

The Ontario Energy Board has a critical role to play in ensuring that its decisions regarding future energy rates fully reflect the positive impacts of the Harmonized Sales Tax for the benefit of all Ontario energy consumers.

While recognizing that rates are set by the Board through an adjudicative process, I am seeking your confirmation that this process gives due regard for the impact of tax changes, like the Harmonized Sales Tax, for the benefit of consumers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad Duguid".

Brad Duguid
Minister