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Cara-Lynne Wade
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Dear Mrs. Wade:

**Subject: Hydro Ottawa Electrification Planning Assumption** 

Hydro Ottawa is a Local Distribution Company ("LDC") serving approximately 360,000 customers in the City of Ottawa and the Village of Casselman. Hydro Ottawa is committed to delivering value across the customer experience by providing reliable, safe and responsive services to its customers.

In order to plan for future needs of its distribution grid, Hydro Ottawa has had collaborative conversations with a number of stakeholders, including Enbridge Gas, and have reviewed the energy needs in the area that is currently served by the St Laurent Pipeline. Hydro Ottawa is not currently planning for the investment levels that would be required for the full electrification of natural gas customers in the Ottawa area by 2050.

Per the latest Independent Electricity System Operator ("IESO") Integrated Regional Resource Plan ("IRRP") presentation, Hydro Ottawa has completed multiple electrification scenarios and at this time is contemplating a scenario that would support a 76% electrification of space heating by 2050. Planning based on this scenario allows Hydro Ottawa to adjust its planning for investments based on actual electrification and the evolving energy policy landscape.

Should you have any questions please reach out to Laurie Heuff, Director, Distribution Engineering and Asset Management (<u>laurieheuff@hydroottawa.com</u>) or myself.

Sincerely,

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