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Ministry of Energy

Office of the Minister 4th Floor, Hearst Block 900 Bay Street Toronto ON M7A 2E1

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Dear Minister:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide preliminary input into the Long-Term Energy Planning (LTEP) process on behalf of OSEA's members and stakeholders.

The Ontario Sustainable Energy Association (OSEA) is a member-based organization made up of aboriginal, community, public and private sector entities championing Ontario's transition to a decentralized, integrated and inclusive energy system. An energy system that powers, heats, cools and moves our prosperity, strengthening our community resilience, improving our health and creating good jobs.

The preliminary input enclosed is a summary of a survey that was developed by our Policy and Regulatory Advisory Committee (OPRAC). It was intended to gather opinions on long-term energy concepts and options from our members and other stakeholders. Attached you will find an executive summary of the survey results as well as the actual survey results. The following five items have been deemed most important for consideration in the design of the next Long-Term Energy Plan:

- Any future Long Term Energy Plan should be based on a publicly available, transparent, and full
 lifetime feasibility and cost analysis of the most sustainable technology options.
- Define clear, ambitious energy conservation and GHG emission reduction targets in the LTEP for all sectors and government agencies in line with Canada's commitment to the Paris Agreement.
- Improve stability and predictability of renewable energy procurement programs for all participants.
- Design the regulatory process to support and simplify the economic participation of the communities hosting the projects.
- Change building code to include mandatory and ambitious energy efficiency standards for new buildings.

We see transparency, clarity, consistency/predictability and community ownership as key principles for the LTEP. And we were quite pleased to see that the Provincial Climate Change Action Plan will begin

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addressing changes to the building code starting in 2020 with a target of carbon neutrality by 2030, therefore addressing our fifth area.

Based on the survey input and specifically the top five areas, OSEA intends to work over the summer with its Board and members to develop an updated strategy and policy positions. We will also use these processes to shape a more formal input for the LTEP process, to be completed late fall 2016.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to provide early input in this important process, we look forward to collaborating to make Ontario a leader in sustainable energy.

Best Regards,

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