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**MEMORANDUM**

MEMORANDUM TO: Bonnie Lysyk
Auditor General of Ontario

FROM: Serge Imbrogno, Deputy Minister
Ministry of Energy

SUBJECT: Auditor General Request

DATE: **October 25, 2017**

As I committed to do in my September 1, 2017 letter, I am writing to update you on the progress of the Ministry of Energy in responding to your request for communications and material on the accounting/financing for the Fair Hydro Plan for the period from December 1, 2016 to May 31, 2017.

The Ministry has now completed the review of 144,513 records identified for us by McCarthys/Wortzmans (Wortzmans). The review team has identified a total of 73,972 records responsive to your request. PDF versions of the final batch of responsive records are included on the enclosed USB. The password to the enclosed password-protected USB is "FairHydro17".

Some of the documents included on the USB contain information that is subject to solicitor-client privilege. Some documents have formed part of various submissions to Treasury Board and to Cabinet and are therefore Cabinet confidential. It is not our intention to waive any solicitor-client and/or Cabinet privilege attaching to the disclosed material. However, in light of the urgency of your request, we have not attempted to specifically highlight all such privileged information for you. For this reason, we would appreciate the opportunity to review any of our documents or information that you intend to reproduce publicly in order to identify any privilege concerns.

Should you have any questions or would like to discuss further, please feel free to contact Martin Schlaepfer at (416) 326-7688.

Sincerely,

Serge Imbrogno

c: Maud Murray, Legal Director, Legal Services Branch