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Dear Ms. Marshall,

Re: Billing requirements under Ontario Regulation 364/16

I am writing in response to your letter dated March 14, 2017, requesting my approval for the IESO to follow an invoicing process and invoice wording that is different than the process and wording required by Ontario Regulation 364/16 (Invoicing Regulation) made under the *Ontario Rebate for Electricity Consumers Act, 2016* (ORECA).

In your letter, you advised that, for technical or operational reasons, the requirements in clauses 2(1) 1., 2(1) 3. and 2(1) 4. of the Invoicing Regulation (Invoicing Requirements) would be impractical or unreasonably difficult for the IESO to meet. You explained that the IESO's current systems would have to be changed to satisfy those Invoicing Requirements, that it would cost about \$40,000 and close to 400 person-hours to do so, and that it would only be done to accommodate one IESO customer who would be eligible for financial assistance under the ORECA.

Based on your letter, I am satisfied that, for technical and operational reasons, the Invoicing Requirements would be impractical for the IESO to meet. I am also satisfied that the alternative invoicing process and wording proposed in your letter and reproduced in the bulleted list below would continue to promote the purposes of the Invoicing Requirements:

- The OREC related charge type will be printed in numerical order on invoices issued by the IESO.
- The OREC credit will be labeled as "**ONTARIO REBATE FOR ELECTRICITY CONSUMERS (8% PROVINCIAL REBATE) SETTLEMENT AMOUNT**".
- Invoices issued to all IESO customers will contain the statement: "The Ontario government is providing eligible consumers with a rebate on their electricity costs equal to the provincial portion of HST".

This letter is given pursuant to subsection 4 (1) of the Invoicing Regulation.

Sincerely,

Glenn Thibeault
Minister of Energy