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Ms Rosemarie Leclair
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Dear Ms Leclair:

Thank you for submitting the Ontario Energy Board's (OEB) 2018-21 Business Plan and Budget (the Plan).

My ministry has reviewed the Plan with regard to the OEB's recently approved Long-Term Energy Plan (LTEP) Implementation Plan and to the findings of the recently completed Mandate Review of the OEB, as required by Treasury Board.

I am satisfied with the overall strategic direction of the Plan and approve the version of the Plan submitted to my office on March 1, 2018.

I am particularly pleased that the Plan aligns with the OEB's LTEP Implementation Plan. Going forward, I request that in future business plans, you continue to make clear which programs and activities are components of the LTEP Implementation Plan, and that you provide increased detail on how these programs and activities will deliver the outcomes laid out in the LTEP.

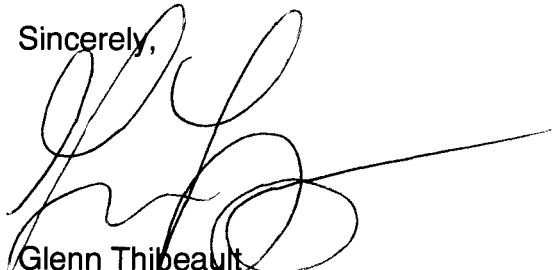
As noted in my previous approval letter for the 2017-20 Business Plan, OEB's inclusion of more detailed actions, milestones and measurable outcomes in future business plans would provide greater clarity with regard to planned OEB programs and activities, and would better inform the ministry's review of the performance assessment included in the OEB's Annual Report. I appreciate the commitment in the 2018-21 Business Plan to develop more outcome-based performance measures over the planning period. I request that the OEB improve in this area, beginning with the 2019-22 Business Plan. My ministry is available to support you in accessing the Ontario Public Service's expertise in performance measurement.

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I would like to thank you and the OEB staff for the work the OEB has carried out over the last year. In particular, I wish to commend you on the work done to ensure the smooth implementation of Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan. Roughly five million homes, small businesses and farms are now saving an average of 25 per cent off their electricity bills, with additional savings for eligible rural and low-income consumers. I greatly appreciate the OEB's contribution to making these bill reductions a reality.

This letter constitutes my approval of the OEB's 2018-21 Business Plan and Budget.

Sincerely,



Glenn Thibeault
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