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MEMORANDUM TO: Bonnie Lysyk
Auditor General of Ontario

FROM: Scott Thompson, Deputy Minister
Ministry of Finance

SUBJECT: Auditor General Request

I am writing to update you on the progress of the Ministry of Finance in responding to your request for communications and material on the accounting/financing for the Fair Hydro Plan for the period from November, 2016 to July 31, 2017.

Ministry staff are currently engaged in a manual review of over 7,000 records identified for us by McCarthys/Wortzmans in order to eliminate non-responsive material. As of today, we have reviewed approximately 2,500 records and identified 1,158 as responsive to your request. The first batch of responsive records are included in the enclosed USB (the password is "FairHydro17"). Additional batches will be provided to you as they become available.

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.

I assure you that this process remains a high priority for the Ministry. Should you have any questions or would like to discuss further, please feel free to contact David McLean at 416-327-0192.

Sincerely,

Scott Thompson

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