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MEMORANDUM TO: Steven Davidson
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FROM: Serge Imbrogno
Deputy Minister
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SUBJECT: Request for Expedited Cabinet Approval

The Ministry of Energy (ENERGY) is seeking expedited Cabinet approval of a Treasury Board submission entitled "*Appropriation Increase for Ontario Clean Energy Benefit Trailing Liability*." The request is scheduled for TB/MBC consideration on January 31, 2017. The Ministry is requesting expedited Cabinet approval at the scheduled January 31, 2017 meeting in order to consider the submission.

Fast track approval of this item is required to ensure the Ministry has sufficient funding in place to cover anticipated trailing claims that continue to come in after the program ended December 31, 2015. The Ministry has now exhausted the accrual after making the November bill payment and will need additional funding to cover more claims.

The Treasury Board submission includes the recommendation that TB/MBC approve an expenditure increase of \$20.8 million in 2016-17 in the transfer payment line entitled "Ontario Clean Energy Benefit" under Vote/Item 2905-01, Electricity Price Mitigation. A delay to this appropriation increase could negatively affect the Ministry's ability to pay future OCEB claims.

I would be pleased to discuss the details of the request should you have any questions.

Serge Imbrogno
Deputy Minister

c: Helen Angus, Deputy Minister, Treasury Board, Treasury Board Secretariat

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