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Subject: Question:

Hi Susan,

I have written a response below to the question posed by the Globe. Can you please let me know if you think this is technically accurate? There is also a remaining question that I have highlighted and am hoping you can address.

Let me know if you'd like to discuss.

Cheers,

Jordan

Q: For publicly-traded companies, there are certification requirements in Canada. For example, the CEO and CFO certify that the issuer's financial statements contain no misrepresentation, that the financial statements fairly present the financial condition of the issuer, and so on. Do those requirements apply to the IESO's financial statements? If not, what responsibilities are attached to signing off on the books of a government agency?

The IESO is required to have its financial statements audited on a yearly basis as outlined in the *Electricity Act, 1998*. When IESO engaged its auditor as required under the Act, it signs a management representation letter as required by the public sector accounting standards. This letter identifies that management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. The Board Chair and the Chair of the Audit Committee sign the IESO financial statements (NTD: Is this a requirements somewhere?).

As a best practice and to increase transparency for its financial statement users, the IESO also includes a Management Report in its financial statements that is signed by the CEO and CFO. This letter essentially summarizes the statements made in the management representation letter and identifies the independent third party auditor. This can be found on page 8 of our most recent Annual Report.