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Draft Key Messages – Further Hydro Quebec/Ontario electricity agreements

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For media:

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- Officials from both governments continue to have discussions to explore if further trade between the two provinces could help address Ontario's future electricity needs.
- Please contact the Ministry of Energy for further questions.

If pressed:

- Details related to discussions with Hydro Quebec are confidential.

For stakeholders:

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- Officials from both governments continue to have discussions to explore if further trade between the two provinces could help address Ontario's future electricity needs.
- In assessing any proposal from Hydro Quebec, the IESO would consider Ontario's capacity and energy needs and when those needs might emerge

- These discussions with Hydro Quebec in no way diminishes our commitment to the market renewal effort that we have engaged on with stakeholders
- Working with all of you and others, we are moving forward to fundamentally redesign Ontario's electricity market
- A big part of that work is the development and introduction of annual capacity auctions that will improve the way we address the need for new supply, providing a more flexible approach to address the changing system needs that we will continue to see
- As I said, any proposal from Hydro Quebec, or any other supplier for that matter, is not affecting our approach or commitment to the important work that all of you in this room are doing.