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Response to Minister's letter

Dear Minister Thibeault:

Thank you for your letter of June 28, and for your welcome to my new role at the IESO. I am excited by this opportunity and I look forward to working with you to support your key priorities and executing the IESO's mandate.

The IESO will continue implementing and administering the Fair Hydro Plan, and providing services to assist the Ontario Climate Change Solutions Deployment Corporation. Like you, I recognize that community and stakeholder engagement is an essential activity upon which the success of many IESO initiatives depends. The organization will continue to make this a priority, including through the development of the implementation plan for the Long Term Energy Plan, to ensure communities, customers and stakeholders are informed and engaged on electricity matters that affect them.

As you noted, the Market Renewal Initiative is an ambitious important project for IESO. It is a collaborative effort with stakeholders to pursue enhancements to the electricity market that will result in about \$3.4 billion in cost efficiencies over ten years for consumers and generators. It will lay a foundation to effectively incorporate new and emerging technologies and prepare us for the electricity sector of tomorrow.

Commented [TY1]: Do we want to repeat this?

I appreciate your support as I get up to speed on the many initiatives at the IESO; I know there is a lot to learn and I am eager for the challenge. Among my priorities is getting to know more about the organization, and in doing so I intend to review the IESO's corporate strategy, organizational structure, staff engagement and company culture. I can assure you that the IESO will continue to make a difference for Ontario in meeting the needs of electricity consumers, maintaining the reliability of the grid and anticipating, responding and leading change in our industry.

Commented [TY2]: Do we need all of this? While these are priorities is this the first place we want to signal them? I am also not crazy about the up to the challenge language but I would want to better understand his style before committing one way or the other. Let's leave it out until we get some sense of that.

I look forward to working collaboratively with you going forward to deliver on the IESO's public value to Ontarians.

Commented [TY3]: Have we talked to him about the term "public value"?

Sincerely,

Peter Gregg