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Subject: NOMA Minister's Forum Summary

Themes from the Minister's opening remarks at NOMA today:

- Focus on innovation and technology
- Important role of renewables
- Tremendous investments to fix the system - rebuilt the supply mix
- Fair Hydro plan

Q&A Review: (flagging the answer to the first question)

Q: There are enough generation facilities in the north to supply the north. Take the money being spent on the East-West Tie and service the remote communities.

A: Minister fully supports Thunder Bay GS and Atikokan GS. They are important assets especially with regards to the Ring of Fire, remotes and mining. We don't need the power right now so these facilities don't run at full capacity. In LTEP, the needs in the northwest are recognized. Minister wants to see existing generating facilities running at capacity. He sees them as being needed. He is going to ask for more electrification to meet climate change demands.

A: Minister Mauro added that he often gets asked why Thunder Bay GS burns imported biomass. The conversion of Atikokan to biomass cost \$190M because of the concrete silos built to house the pellets since they couldn't be outside. The conversion in Thunder Bay was only \$5M because the imported pellets can be stored outside.

Q: Rates are high for First Nation communities, especially for elders

A: First Nations and remotes pay higher rates. Minister tasked OEB with consultation and development of recommendations. They are eliminating the delivery charge and increasing the OESP based on the recommendations.

Q: Will municipalities be compensated for transmission lines running through their communities?

A: Not that the Minister is aware of.

Q: Community organizations are struggling because of high rates.

A: They qualify for SaveONenergy and Fair Hydro rebates.

