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Subject: FN Rates.

Hey AvaI'm not sure whether the proposed call for tomorrow has been scheduled yet ...but I would like to postpone until later next week.

As you may know...the OEB has recently received correspondence from the McCreebec Eeyoud Council and the North Shore Tribal Council with respect to the Minister's request that the OEB provide its advice on options for an appropriate electricity rate or rate assistance for on – reserve FN customers. The letters will be posted on OEB website today or tomorrow. These letters raise important issues with respect to:

- the scope of the OEB's work,
- the OEB's approach to engagement with all FN communities and our expectations of them in our review of rate relief options ,
- the structure and composition of our proposed advisory group, and
- the provision of funding to facilitate participation.

Before proceeding any further, the OEB needs to give each these issues further consideration to ensure that our process ultimately leads to a report that will be responsive to the Minister's request and inclusive and reflective of FN concerns.

We hope to be in position to reschedule our call and finalize our next steps within the next week or so.

You might recall that at our last meeting, I inquired about the COO's internal processes for participation and review in the FN Rate initiative. It would be helpful to me and the OEB team if we could get a better understanding of the relationship between the COO and all FN communities in the Province. In starting out, we were of the view, perhaps incorrectly, that the COO would speak on behalf of all FN and we could effectively work through the COO to confirm scope, process etc. The letters recently received seem to suggest that other FN communities expect to be involved much more directly and may have different perspectives that the OEB may need to consider.

Perhaps a phone call between you and I to chat about that might be in order. We could certainly have that call tomorrow in lieu of the call with the broader group that was originally planned.

Let me know if that works for you...

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