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September 29, 2016

Mr. Angus Toulouse
Chief Executive Officer
Mamaweswen, The North Shore Tribal Council
473 Hwy 17
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Dear Mr. Toulouse;

Re: Report on Options for an Appropriate Rate Assistance Program for On-Reserve First Nations Electricity Consumers

Thank you for your letter, dated August 31, 2016, regarding the Minister of Energy's June 27, 2016 letter requesting the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) report back on the options for development of an appropriate electricity rate (or rate assistance) for on-reserve First Nations electricity customers.

Your letter identifies the need for engagement with First Nations is key to this initiative. Indeed the Minister in his letter set out the expectation of the OEB engaging with First Nations and we have developed an engagement plan with the Chiefs Committee on Energy Grievances. The Committee is leading the outreach efforts to communities and set up a series of meetings across the Province which we will be attending to gather input and views to support the development of our report.

As a member of the Chiefs of Ontario, you may wish to further discuss your views at one of the OEB engagement sessions that have been scheduled this fall, including October 5, 2016 in Sudbury. For further information on the time and location you can contact the Chiefs of Ontario who are coordinating the engagement sessions.

Sincerely,

Rosemarie T. Leclair
Chair & CEO

Cc: Minister Thibeault, Ministry of Energy
Grand Council Chief Patrick Mahahbee, Anishnabeck Nation
Regional Chief Isadore Day, Chiefs of Ontario