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Dear Ms McClenaghan and Mr. Winfield:

Thank you for your letter to the Honourable Laurel Broten, Minister of the Environment, and myself regarding the recent report by the Ontario Power Authority (OPA).

I am sure you are aware that there has already been significant consultation around the OPA report. The first round of public consultations was held by the OPA earlier this summer and throughout the fall. We are currently in the second round of public consultations. The report is posted for comment on the Environmental Bill of Rights website for 60 days. It is also posted on the Ministry of Energy and OPA websites.

In the first round of public consultations, the OPA advertised in more than 40 newspapers across the province for submissions from the public, and 175 submissions were received. The OPA also invited special interest and expert groups to meet to present their views, and 25 groups responded. A total of 60 senior power industry and special interest people were randomly selected for an extensive telephone interview. In addition, Decima Research interviewed 800 Ontario residents in an online poll for their views and values relating to Ontario electricity matters.

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The Premier has recently indicated that there will be a third round of consultations in the new year. I am confident that these three rounds of consultation will offer extensive opportunity for interested parties to express their views on the issues raised by the OPA report.

I would be pleased to meet with you at any time to discuss your concerns.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to write. Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Donna Cansfield".

Donna Cansfield
Minister

c: The Honourable Dalton McGuinty, Premier
The Honourable Laurel Broten, Minister of the Environment
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