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Dear Energy Stakeholder:

I am writing today to share [Ontario's Affordable Energy Future: The Pressing Case for More Power](#), and to share information about next steps on integrated energy resource planning.

Ontario's energy demand is expected to increase by 75 per cent by 2050, as a result of economic development, housing for its growing population and electrification. There is a need to move to an integrated planning process across fuels and sectors, coordinating the build-out of an energy system that remains affordable, abundant and clean.

To support this work, I am pleased to release *Ontario's Affordable Energy Future: The Pressing Case for More Power*, which sets out our priorities in meeting the challenge of a growing Ontario. We are also initiating a consultation and engagement process that would inform the development of Ontario's first Integrated Energy Resource Plan. This plan, which we intend to release in 2025, will consider a long-term, integrated view of energy use across the economy and across all sources of energy.

To help guide this consultation and engagement process, the ministry has released a consultation posting on the [Environmental Registry of Ontario](#), which includes *Ontario's Affordable Energy Future: The Pressing Case for More Power*, together with links to contextual and background information and a series of questions to help guide feedback from our consultation and engagement. The ministry is seeking feedback from the public, Indigenous communities, and key stakeholders to help shape the plan, and we would like to hear from you.

On October 23, 2024, I also introduced Bill 214, the *Affordable Energy Act, 2024*, for approval by the legislature. This legislation would, if passed, enable the development of Integrated Energy Resource Plans, and take other steps to achieve our vision of an affordable energy future. The proposal includes statutory amendments that would make it more cost-effective to connect to the electricity grid, help reduce energy use to save families and businesses money and support the growth of electric vehicles in Ontario.

Our legislative initiative, along with *Ontario's Affordable Energy Future*, builds on significant work completed over the past six years to refine energy system planning and guide the transition to cleaner forms of energy. I appreciate the valuable contributions from the sector to help inform this work so far, such as the Electrification and Energy Transition Panel's engagements. I look forward to continuing to work together through this process.

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I encourage you to review *Ontario's Affordable Energy Future: The Pressing Case for More Power* as well as [Bill 214, the Affordable Energy Act, 2024](#), and submit your feedback through the Environmental Registry of Ontario.

If you have any specific questions about this consultation process, please contact the following Ministry of Energy and Electrification staff:

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. Lecce', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Stephen Lecce
Minister

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