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Mr. David Erickson
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Dear Mr. Erickson:

Last year, the Government of Alberta tasked the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) to review renewable generation typically associated with the ability to be dispatched when required, as well as energy storage, and their potential roles as Alberta transitions to a lower carbon economy and introduces significant intermittent renewables.

The analysis and conclusions confirm that Alberta has a robust and resilient electricity system in place that will support the transition to 30 per cent renewables by 2030 while maintaining system reliability and reasonable costs to consumers.

The department appreciates the AESO's comprehensive review of the various dispatchable renewable and energy storage technologies and their potential in Alberta, as well as ensuring stakeholder perspectives were considered. We look forward to the work of the AESO on an Integrated Flexibility Roadmap and Energy Storage Roadmap, and to ensure Alberta's electricity system continues to be reliable and responsive to new technologies and innovations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Coleen Volk".

Coleen Volk
Deputy Minister

cc: Mike Law, Alberta Electric System Operator