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Mr. David Erickson
President and Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Mr. Erickson:

This letter will serve to confirm that the Alberta Electric System Operator has been tasked to develop and implement a plan to bring on new renewable electricity generation capacity, in accordance with Government direction, to the grid by 2030 while keeping the costs of doing so as low as possible through a competitive process, such as an auction. This process must be carefully managed and operate in concert with the retirement of current coal generating units.

You are asked to prepare a plan for review and consideration by government no later than May 2016.

I also confirm that the Government of Alberta has not chosen to fundamentally alter the current wholesale electricity market structure.

Please continue to work closely with Alberta Energy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in green ink, appearing to read "G. Sprague", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Grant D. Sprague, Q.C.
Deputy Minister