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Mr. Matt Jamieson
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Dear Mr. Jamieson:

I would like to extend my thanks to both you and Chief Hill for meeting with me via teleconference on September 11, 2017. It was an excellent opportunity to further discuss issues of mutual interest, including how we may advance the completion of the Niagara Reinforcement Project.

I was pleased to hear from Chief Hill that Six Nations Elected Council had received positive feedback from community members about Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan and the First Nations Delivery Credit. I hope you can agree that our collective efforts to advance this initiative have been a positive step down the road of reconciliation. These initiatives provide assistance to members of First Nation communities as well as provincial ratepayers and deliver the single-largest reduction to electricity rates in our province's history.

It is my hope that we can continue to build on these collaborative experiences, and also through your efforts with Hydro One, to complete the Niagara Reinforcement Project. The Niagara Reinforcement Project is another means to provide further economic benefits to the Six Nations of the Grand River through your partnership with Hydro One and also to all Ontario ratepayers by making our transmission system more efficient. Our government supports Indigenous participation in the energy sector and remains committed to ensure these opportunities continue, including partnerships on major transmission line projects such as the Niagara Reinforcement Project.

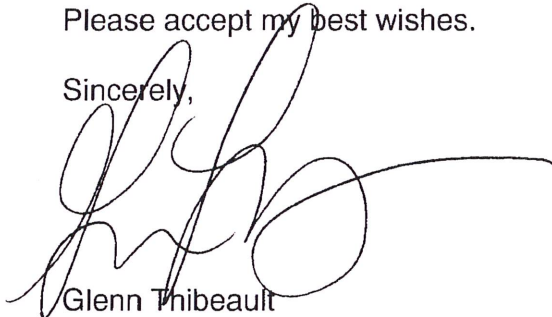
I understand that Six Nations of the Grand River Development Corporation (SNGRDC) will be engaging the community to seek feedback on completing the Niagara Reinforcement Project. Ontario strongly supports this effort and has been discussing a potential agreement between Ontario and SNGRDC related to the use of transmission capacity for renewables in the area, if further renewable generation is needed in the future.

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To benefit your community engagement effort, I have attached the proposed conceptual terms of an agreement that we hope to define and implement through further discussions, should there be community support.

Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Glenn Thibeault', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Glenn Thibeault
Minister

Enclosure

c: Chief Ava Hill, Six Nations of the Grand River