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Mr. Peter Gregg
President and Chief Executive Officer
Independent Electricity System Operator
1600--120 Adelaide Street West
Toronto ON M5H 1T1

Dear Mr. Gregg:

I appreciate the steps the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) has taken to safeguard Ontarians during the outbreak of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Ontario.

I understand that the COVID-19 outbreak has had an impact on the ability of program participants to meet CDM program deadlines, and on the local distribution company and vendor community.

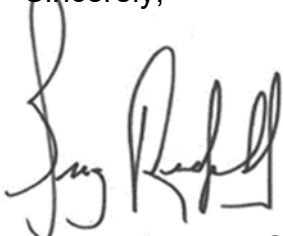
With this in mind, I would like to communicate to you, and to those involved in CDM programs in the province, that the government is considering options to help mitigate these impacts. These include potentially enabling the IESO to take steps that could allow contracted participants in Conservation First Framework programs additional time to complete installations and other activities under those agreements. I expect that my staff will continue to work with the IESO as they explore options, and I ask that you communicate our attention to this matter through your channels.

Our government recognizes that electricity CDM programs are an important contributor to the economy in Ontario, and help customers manage their energy costs and help meet system needs. I look forward to the IESO's continued advice as the ministry works to bring forward a proposal for a post-2020 CDM Framework that would come after the current Interim Framework, launching January 1, 2021.

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Thank you again for the ongoing support of the IESO in responding to these challenges, and for supporting customers and Ontario's business community on a path to recovery.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Rickford". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Greg" and the last name "Rickford" clearly distinguishable.

The Honourable Greg Rickford
Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines