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Ms Lesley Gallinger  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Independent Electricity System Operator  
1600—120 Adelaide Street West  
Toronto ON M5H 1P1

Dear Ms Gallinger:

I appreciate the ongoing work of the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) to design and deliver energy efficiency programming to Ontario's electricity consumers. Our government recognizes that energy efficiency programs provide options for all Ontarians to help keep electricity costs affordable, and is the cheapest non-emitting resource for helping meet our electricity system needs. Building on the letter [shared with the IESO on February 9, 2024](#), I would like to re-affirm my commitment to the priorities outlined in that letter and will look to the IESO to deliver on that upon government approval.

The current energy efficiency framework [2021-2024 Conservation and Demand Management (CDM) Framework] delivered by the IESO is coming to an end in 2024. Our government recognizes the importance of program availability and stability for customers and the broader marketplace, including the many companies that support the delivery of energy efficiency programming in the province.

On October 4, 2024, a proposal regarding a new Electricity Energy Efficiency Framework was posted to the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO), which can be found [here](#). This proposal reflects our long-term commitment to growing energy efficiency programming and an intention to enable and expand this programming, including the associated budget through a new longer and enduring framework, subject to necessary government approvals.

While final government approval is pending, I expect the IESO to begin preparing for the proposed next framework, including engaging with program delivery agents, vendors and others, to ensure a smooth transition of current programs beyond December 31, 2024 and the anticipated launch of new programs in January 2025.

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As proposed in the ERO posting, this includes energy efficiency programming available to all customer segments: residential, commercial, institutional (including municipalities), industrial and agricultural; as well as dedicated programs for income-qualified households and on-reserve First Nations communities.

Thank you again for the ongoing support of the IESO to keep the electricity grid reliable, affordable and sustainable for Ontarians.

Sincerely,

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

Stephen Lecce  
Minister