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Dear Minister Morton:

This letter outlines how we will work as a government and the objectives I am trusting you to deliver on as Alberta's new Minister of Energy and a member of our Cabinet team.

Together we have the honour and privilege to serve the people of Alberta. Democratic renewal and regaining Albertans' faith in the political system are at the core of our objectives as a government. That faith will come from the responsive, responsible, accountable and transparent way in which our team will operate.

Innovative approaches will be needed to deliver results for Albertans. This has been started through a reorganization of government to better align with the priorities of Albertans and what we need to accomplish as a team. While innovation and fresh ways of thinking are vital, this does not alter Ministerial Responsibility. You are fully accountable for all matters under your purview.

We are one team with one agenda: to deliver a better Alberta. You are expected to work with your colleagues in the design and implementation of integrated solutions to the challenges at hand. Inclusiveness will define us as a team. Our partnerships must be broad and meaningful so Albertans know that each and every one of them is a valued member of the team. Finally, transparency of intent and of action will be the standard.

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As Minister of Energy, I expect you to work within the parameters outlined to deliver the following objectives:

- Review the *Electric Statutes Amendment Act* (formerly Bill 50) and the two high-voltage, direct current (HVDC) transmission facilities between the Edmonton and Calgary Regions.
- Lead Alberta's participation in the development of a Canadian Energy Strategy.
- Together with the Ministers of Agriculture and Rural Development, Environment and Water and Sustainable Resource Development, design and implement an initiative to make Alberta the national leader in energy efficiency and sustainability.
- In collaboration with the Ministers of Environment and Water and Sustainable Resource Development, implement the Regulatory Enhancement Task Force recommendations, including the creation of a single regulator for oil and gas.
- Together with the Minister of Environment and Water, work with the federal government to ensure future coal-fired regulations support the common goal of reducing carbon dioxide emissions, without unduly impacting Alberta consumers.

I trust you are as thrilled as I am by the opportunity before us. Albertans have placed their trust and hopes in us and I am determined to exceed their expectations. You have an important role in making that happen.

Yours truly,



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