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March 11, 2025

Ms. Lesley Gallinger
President and Chief Executive Officer
Independent Electricity System Operator
1600—120 Adelaide Street West
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Dear Ms. Gallinger,

On March 10, 2025, I directed that the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) to implement a surcharge on electricity exports to the United States in response to the unfair and unjust tariffs imposed on Canada by the U.S. administration. This action was taken as a measured and proportionate step to defend Ontario's businesses and families.

Following a productive discussion between Premier Ford and the U.S. Secretary of Commerce this afternoon, I am pleased to report that we have agreed to discuss a renewed USMCA ahead of the April 2 reciprocal tariff deadline. In light of these developments, and as part of our commitment to a strong and cooperative economic relationship with the United States, I am directing the IESO to suspend the surcharge, effective immediately, by revising the surcharge from \$10/MWh to \$0/MWh. To be clear, Ontario retains the ability to reinstate a surcharge at any time.

Canada and the United States have long shared deep economic ties. We are America's largest customer and export destination, and a trusted supplier of electricity and critical minerals. Our economies are stronger when we work together.

Thank you for your cooperation and ongoing commitment to Ontario's energy system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stephen Lecce".

Stephen Lecce
Minister

c: William (Bill) Sheffield, Board Chair, IESO
Matt Hiraishi, Chief of Staff to the Minister of Energy and Electrification
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