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Subject: Feedback on the Sudbury-Algoma Integrated Regional Resource Plan

Dear IESO Planning and Engagement Division Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input through the Sudbury-Algoma Integrated Regional Resource Plan (IRRP) process. The Greater Sudbury Chamber of Commerce would like to express our support for the development of the Sudbury-Algoma IRRP and recognize the important role it plays in ensuring our region's electricity system can meet the needs of our people, businesses and growth.

Greater Sudbury is the hub of Northern Ontario and is home to mining, critical minerals, advanced manufacturing, health sciences, education, transportation, and technology sectors.

Reliable, resilient, and adequate electricity infrastructure is fundamental to supporting this economic activity. Increasingly, electricity capacity and reliability are among the first considerations for companies evaluating locations for new facilities, industrial expansions and major capital investments. Access to electrical capacity can directly influence site selection decisions and determine whether investment opportunities proceed within a community.

As you develop regional demand forecasts and future electricity infrastructure plans, we encourage you to consider anticipated growth and development opportunities in addition to historical electricity consumption patterns. This will reflect the transformative investment potential emerging across Northern Ontario. Municipal planning initiatives, infrastructure investments, population growth projections, provincial and federal critical minerals strategies, and active investment attraction efforts will increase future electricity needs and should be reflected in regional planning.

Future electricity planning should further consider geographic distribution. We are a large and diverse community with several strategic employment areas and development corridors that will require sufficient electrical capacity to support future industrial and commercial investment.

Ensuring a reliable, resilient, and scalable electricity system is essential to supporting continued economic development, enhancing regional competitiveness, enabling housing and employment growth, and capitalizing on the opportunities emerging within the mining, critical minerals and advanced manufacturing sectors. Proactive planning today will help ensure that investment opportunities in the future are not constrained by infrastructure limitations.

On behalf of our Board of Directors and more than 850 members, thank you for your support in helping the Sudbury-Algoma region be equipped with the electricity infrastructure it needs to grow and succeed.

Sincerely,



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