



**June 19, 2025**

The Honourable Stephen Lecce  
Minister of Energy and Mines  
Government of Ontario  
77 Grenville St.  
Toronto, ON M7A 2C1

**Subject: Support for Proposed Amendment to Ontario Regulation 53/05 and Construction Cost Recovery Model**

Dear Minister Lecce,

Alderville First Nation supports the proposed amendment to Ontario Regulation 53/05 under the Electricity Act, 1998, which would enable a Construction Cost Recovery (CCR) model for major energy infrastructure projects in Ontario.

Alderville First Nation is committed to building a sustainable future for its members through active participation in Ontario's clean energy sector. Like many Indigenous communities, we have faced significant barriers to accessing capital at the earliest stages of project development, which limits our ability to participate fully in large-scale infrastructure. The CCR model, by allowing Ontario Power Generation (OPG) to recover construction-phase financing costs through Ontario Energy Board (OEB)-regulated rates, would remove a critical barrier and open the door to meaningful Indigenous equity investment from day one.

Through our involvement in WTN Investment Holdings LP, we are eager to help shape Ontario's energy future in a way that supports our youth, strengthens our community, and advances reconciliation. The proposed amendment is a practical and forward-thinking solution that would enable Alderville to pursue long-term economic opportunities and financial self-determination.

We urge the Government of Ontario to approve this amendment as an important step toward economic inclusion and a more equitable energy sector, and we are available to provide further context on the importance of this regulatory change to Indigenous-led investment partnerships in Ontario.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephanie Zilinski".

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