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Dear Energy Stakeholder:

I am writing to provide you with an update on industrial electricity pricing in Ontario.

Last November, we shared our summary report with stakeholders who participated in the 2019 industrial electricity pricing consultations. During these consultations, my ministry heard from businesses who are concerned about industrial electricity pricing and seeking burden reduction. We listened carefully to these concerns and continue to work to reduce costs for electricity consumers.

On November 5, 2020, our government released the 2020 Budget. As part of the Budget, we are proposing measures that would lower electricity bills for all ratepayers that are not already benefitting from the Ontario Electricity Rebate, including industrial and commercial businesses. Our proposal would reduce overall Global Adjustment costs by introducing government funding of a portion of non-hydro renewable energy costs, effective January 1, 2021.

We've chosen an automatic, simple approach that requires no action on your part in order to ensure we don't create any additional burden on businesses. The change should appear on the first bill you receive for consumption on or after January 1, 2021. The timing will depend on your billing cycle with your electricity provider.

If approved, Class A consumers could see average savings of about 14 per cent on their bills, while Class B consumers could see average savings of about 16 per cent on their bills. Actual savings for specific consumers will vary depending on location and consumption.

As we navigate and support economic recovery across our province, our government understands that providing industrial electricity price relief helps make Ontario businesses more competitive by keeping costs in line with other Canadian and North American jurisdictions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Rickford".

The Honourable Greg Rickford
Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines