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Chair
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Dear Ms. Dahl Rees:

I wish to recognize the important work that the Alberta Utilities Commission is undertaking regarding efforts to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of regulatory approval processes in the province.

With the Government's goal to have one of, if not the, fastest regulatory approval systems in North America, efforts like those discussed in Bulletin 2020-33 and the *Report of the AUC Procedures and Processes Review Committee*, will result in marked improvements to the AUC's efficiency and effectiveness. As we have discussed, Government expects the AUC to actively pursue additional activities that result in ongoing improvements in timely regulatory proceedings.

For its part, notwithstanding the panel's Recommendations 6 and 7, Government will continue to examine if and how time limits may be applied to regulatory proceedings in the province.

I look forward to future announcements regarding continued improvements to the effectiveness and efficiency of AUC processes and procedures.

Sincerely,

Dale Nally
Associate Minister of Natural Gas and Electricity

cc: David James
Associate Deputy Minister