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Dear Mr. Lindgren:

**RE: Application for Review of O. Reg. 276/06, EA Exemption for Ontario's
Integrated Power System Plan (ECO File Number: R2006004)**

Thank you for your letter to the Commissioner of Nov. 7, 2006, and the attached letter from MOE. The Commissioner has asked me to respond on his behalf. I apologize for the delay in responding to you.

Thank you also for detailing your concerns with the Ministry of Environment's failure to issue a decision regarding your application under the *Environmental Bill of Rights (EBR)*. We understand your frustration regarding the process delays relating to your application. The Commissioner shares your concerns and has conveyed his views about these delays in recent correspondence to the MOE. Moreover, our recent annual report discussed other examples of applications and the lack of decisions on them by MOE. Such delays frustrate the public interest, undermines the EBR, and hamper the Commissioner's ability to report to the Legislative Assembly.

Earlier today we contacted staff in the Minister's office about your application. The Minister's staff assured the Commissioner and his staff that a decision on your application is imminent and should be released in the next 7-10 days.

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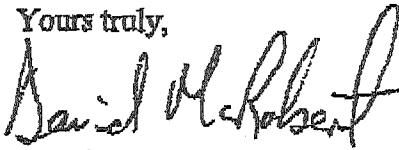


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We will certainly consider your submissions as we review the handling of your application for our forthcoming annual report.

Yours truly,



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