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Their Worship Mayor Surinderpal Rathor City of Williams Lake

Email: mayor@williamslake.ca

## Dear Mayor Rathor:

Thank you for your recent letters to the Ministers of Jobs, Economic Development, and Innovation; Energy and Climate Solutions; Forests; and Environment and Parks regarding Atlantic Power's Williams Lake Power Plant. I am pleased to reply on behalf of myself and my fellow Ministers. We understand the important role Atlantic Power's Williams Lake facility has played in your community, and we appreciate you sharing your concerns.

We have asked BC Hydro to engage in an additional discussion with Atlantic Power in an effort to determine whether the plant owners can operate the facility in a manner that would ensure it can meet its next four years of contractual obligations. We anticipate BC Hydro will seek assurance that the plant owners have identified adequate fuel sources and secured or will be securing the contractual deliveries of fuel they need to meet their generation requirements.

Low cost, reliable, sustainable electricity supply is an important priority for British Columbia, and my colleagues and I are working to support a variety of avenues and business opportunities across the Province, including Atlantic Power's continued operation. We will continue to work with Atlantic Power to support their discussions with relevant partners and fuel suppliers as Atlantic Power makes the economic decision that is right for them given the many values and considerations involved.

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Thank you again for sharing your concerns.

Sincerely,

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Honourable Diana Gibson Minister of Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation

Honourable Ravi Parmar Minister of Forests

pc: Honourable Tamara Davidson Minister of Environment and Parks

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