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Dear Premier Ford,

As you likely know, on June 26, 2024 Toronto City Council passed a resolution calling on the IESO to work with the City and Toronto Hydro to “align the Integrated Regional Resource Plan for Toronto’s electricity system, and broader energy system planning and procurement, with the City’s 2040 target of net zero greenhouse gas emissions by:

- a. phasing out gas-fired electricity generation at the Portlands Energy Centre by 2035, except in extreme, exceptional and emergency circumstances totalling less than 88 hours per year;
- b. rapidly increasing local renewable energy generation and storage, and maximizing cost-effective energy efficiency;
- c. empowering Toronto Hydro to act as Toronto’s electric Distribution System Operator to support development, integration, and utilization of distributed energy resources; and
- d. supporting a transformed electricity system that supplies Toronto with sufficient reliable, affordable, low-carbon electricity to meet present and future needs, including population growth and the electrification of buildings and transport.”

Despite this call, IESO’s 2025 Toronto Integrated Regional Resource Plan, released on October 31 2025, includes no plan to phase out gas-fired electricity at the Portlands Energy Centre by 2035.

At a time when Ontario is planning major investments in new generation sources and transmission infrastructure with the stated goal of “ensuring Ontario’s energy system remains affordable, reliable, secure, and clean – not just today, but for decades to come,” it makes no sense to plan for decades of more carbon pollution from a gas plant located within walking distance of some of Ontario’s most densely-populated neighbourhoods.

I urge you to direct the IESO to revisit their plan and revise it to incorporate the direction set out in the City Council resolution cited above. Critically that means phasing out gas-fired electricity at the Portlands Energy Centre in favour of the noted local solutions within the framework specified.

This will advance the electrification and decarbonization of Ontario’s economy. It will ensure an electricity system that is reliable and affordable for Ontario consumers. It will also help address the climate crisis which is accelerating globally.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Marit Stiles', written over a large, faint watermark of the Ontario coat of arms.

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