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VIA E-MAIL

March 7, 2023



Dear Ms. Schulz:

RE: Request for Access under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* – File Number FIPPA-2023-002

I am writing in regards to your request for information made under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (Ontario) ("FIPPA"). Your completed request was received by the Ontario Energy Board (the "OEB") on February 7, 2023.

You requested documentation on the impact to the province's electricity system and ratepayers due to the federal government's decision to require 100% of all passenger cars and trucks sold by 2035 to be zero emission. Please be sure to include any estimates or analysis on changes necessary to power generation needs, transmission requirements, local distribution infrastructure, household upgrades and the cost to consumers. You also asked for copies of any materials provided to the federal government related to this topic and their announcement. The time frame for this request is March 1, 2021 to present.

As discussed with you by phone on March 2, 2023, we asked multiple business groups across the organization whether they had any records described above that are directly related to/created as result of the federal government's decision to require 100% of all passenger cars and trucks sold by 2035 to be zero emission; or if they had provided any materials to the federal government related to this topic and their announcement. All business groups asked reported that they had no records that were responsive to those matters.

During that phone call, I stated that the OEB could employ an eDiscovery tool to try and search for responsive records but that would likely result in a fee estimate and extension of time as the eDiscovery search would likely result in a large number of records to be reviewed for relevance. Based on the earlier inquiry of business groups across the organization, we believe that it is unlikely many, if any, relevant records will be found. You had said that you would seek instructions from our colleague and then tell us how you would like to proceed.



The OEB does not believe it has any records that are responsive to your request. We therefore consider this file closed. If however you want to proceed with the eDiscovery search, we will reopen the file and continue to process the request.

Ms. Suzanna Zagar, Chief Executive Officer, is responsible for the decisions in this letter.

You may ask for a review of any decision in this letter within 30 days of the date of this letter by writing to: The Information and Privacy Commissioner/Ontario, 2 Bloor Street East, Suite 1400, Toronto, Ontario, M4W 1A8.

If you decide to request a review of this decision, please provide the Commissioner's Office with a copy of this decision letter and a copy of the original request for information you sent to the OEB. Your letter of appeal must be accompanied by an appeal fee of \$25.00 in the form of either a cheque or money order payable to the Minister of Finance. You can also use the IPC's online appeal form and online payment. Please see the IPC's website for information on that option.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at joanna.rosset@oeb.ca.

Yours sincerely,

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