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Hon. Ron Liepert
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Minister Liepert:

The Alberta Chambers of Commerce (ACC) recently held our 2010 Provincial Conference where delegates from our federation of 124 chambers of commerce approved 30 new policies for inclusion in our three-year policy book. Three of these policies relate directly to your department. The following are summaries of them:

Alberta transmission capacity upgrades – This policy points to the need to expand and upgrade our transmission system to ensure Alberta has a stable, reliable electricity grid that can support our province's continued growth.

Improving the competitiveness of Alberta's oil and gas industry – Our federation seeks a comprehensive plan to ensure Alberta positions itself as one of the most competitive energy regions in the world. The plan must also include a campaign to ensure Albertans, Canadians, and other North Americans understand the economic importance of this sector.

Innovative thinking with Alberta's energy can foster economic stability – This policy recommends incentives to create new technologies that will harness alternative fuels. ACC further suggests the Government of Alberta lead by example by exploring alternative fuel sources for its own fleet of vehicles.

ACC also has a number of previously approved energy policies. They are the following:

- *Power reliability*
- *A vision for Alberta royalty reviews*
- *Developing a comprehensive Alberta electricity policy*
- *Renewable energy equipment tax credit*
- *Positioning Alberta to lead in energy innovation*

All of our energy policies are enclosed in this correspondence.

We are seeking written responses to these policies by mid-August, as that timeline allows us to report to our members. We will also post the responses on our website.

ACC would appreciate scheduling a meeting with you to discuss our policies, as well as any issues of particular interest to you.

We look forward to hearing from you,



Kay Olsen, MA
Chair



Ken Kobly, FCGA
President and CEO

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Enclosures

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