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Pam and Barry,

Thank you for taking the time in your letters to share your concerns about the Centre Village Renewables Integration and Grid Security Project with me and thank you for meeting with me in person on October 2, 2025.

Our government was provided the same information as the public when my statements were made. We have since been made aware of the lack of official partnership agreement between PROENERGY and its Indigenous partners. NB Power and PROENERGY are actively working to rectify the situation and repair relationships with the Indigenous community.

Our government cannot cancel the contract between NB Power and PROENERGY. The project is currently undergoing an Environmental Impact Assessment and PROENERGY is actively collecting additional information and data to inform their application before it is fully considered by the Government of New Brunswick. NB Power has informed us that they are committed to working with PROENERGY to support the communities near the proposed site and address any concerns being raised.

We understand there is a need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and transition to clean energy. Due to the variable nature of renewable energy generation, from wind and solar, a firm baseload source of energy is needed to balance the energy supply to reach all customers. Firm baseload power is currently provided by hydro, nuclear, and fossil fuel facilities as needed. The firm power fills gaps when the wind and solar energy isn't there. Until utility-scale battery, small modular reactors and sustainable supplies of renewable natural gas become affordable options for baseload power generation, natural gas is the least emissions intensive fossil fuel option available during the energy transition. It is anticipated that overall emissions from electricity generation will decrease as this facility replaces generation from other more emissions intense generating stations in the province like Coleson Cove.

NB Power identified a potential shortfall in generation capacity forecast for 2028 due to accelerating electricity demand in the province. NB Power issued a Request for Expressions of Interest in 2024 for a new generation facility long before the trade dispute began, and five companies submitted bids. NB Power chose the company who could deliver the least-cost solution on the schedule that NB Power is demanding to meet our energy security requirements. NB Power signed an agreement to purchase power from the facility when it is needed, should the project become operational. It is essential NB Power take the necessary steps now to secure additional capacity to ensure New Brunswickers have the power they need, when they need it. This is not unlike the wind energy power purchase agreements recently signed and announced. Environmental Impact Assessments for most of those projects are currently underway as well.

ProEnergy Canada has proposed to construct the gas plant and operate it as a peaking plant providing fast-start power to fill renewable supply gaps and further enable new renewable energy development.

The gas plant has not been approved. The proposed project is currently undergoing a provincial determination review described at this link: [REGISTRATION GUIDE](#), and will lead to a decision from the Minister of Environment and Climate Change.

Thank you for sending me your thoughts about the project and raising your concerns with me. I encourage more open and honest dialogue about the proposed project and its potential impacts.

With gratitude,



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