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Mr. Willie Grieve  
Chair  
Alberta Utilities Commission  
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Dear Mr. Grieve:

The Government of Alberta is reviewing its approach to certain critical transmission infrastructure (CTI) projects. I understand that the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) has four applications for CTI currently before it: the Heartland Transmission project, the Western Alberta Transmission Line, the Eastern Alberta Transmission Line, and the south Calgary substation.

The AUC's jurisdiction to consider these applications is unquestioned. However, the government is reviewing its approach to three of these CTI projects: the Heartland Transmission project, the Western Alberta Transmission Line and the Eastern Alberta Transmission Line. Until the government completes its review of those three projects, I respectfully request that the AUC suspend or adjourn its consideration of those three applications.

Sincerely,

Ted Morton  
Minister of Energy