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Dear Evan Bahry:

Thank you for your correspondence of May 20, 2025, regarding Canada's ambition to become an energy superpower, provide reliable energy, and enhance Canada's economic and energy security.

Canada is at a pivotal moment in history. In the face of global volatility, disrupted trade relationships, and a shifting geopolitical landscape, my mandate in advancing Canada's energy superpower ambitions is to provide investment certainty within the sectors under my portfolio, work across government to reduce permitting timelines, and channel capital toward major projects.

To support this mandate, our government passed the *One Canadian Economy Act* (Bill C-5) and introduced a new Projects of National Interest designation process. This legislation establishes a framework to eliminate internal federal trade barriers and advance major national-interest projects—including in the energy sector—so that Canada can be stronger both at home and abroad. It enables the Government to efficiently proceed with consultations with provinces, territories, and Indigenous partners to move forward on nation-building projects. These efforts will help attract new investment and support both regional and national economic development.

As a next step, on August 29, 2025, our government launched the Major Projects Office (MPO), headquartered in Calgary and led by Dawn Farrell. This office will identify projects deemed in Canada's national interest and expedite their development. Leveraging its expertise, the MPO will also streamline approvals for major projects across government—not only those designated under the *Building Canada Act*. Importantly, the MPO will work to attract both domestic and global capital and will coordinate financing from the private sector, provincial and territorial partners, and relevant government programs.

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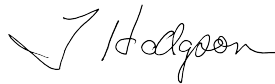
I share your view that Canadian oil and natural gas—produced to the highest environmental and labour standards—have strong potential to displace higher-emitting sources abroad, reduce global emissions, and strengthen energy security for Canada and its allies.

While we remain committed to combating climate change, we also recognize the importance of driving competitiveness across our economy and resource sectors. With respect to the policies referenced in your letter, active discussions are ongoing within government to ensure that Canada's overall regulatory regime supports investment and advances our energy objectives, while continuing to deliver the most responsibly produced, lowest-emitting oil and natural gas to both domestic and global markets. You can expect further announcements and direction on these matters in the coming weeks.

Given the broad scope of your proposals—which intersect with the mandates of several federal departments and agencies—I have taken the liberty of forwarding your submission to, and copying on this response, my colleagues: the Honourable Ministers of Environment and Climate Change; Fisheries and Oceans; Transport and Internal Trade; and Crown-Indigenous Relations, for their consideration.

Thank you again for sharing your perspectives. My officials and I look forward to continued collaboration with Energy Connections Canada.

Yours sincerely,



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