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On behalf of the Honourable Rich Coleman, Minister of Natural Gas Development, Responsible for Housing and Deputy Premier, thank you for the invitation for Minister Coleman to participate in The Legislative Energy Horizon Institute Program.

Unfortunately, Minister Coleman will be unable to participate.

Once again, thank you for your correspondence.

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The Legislative Energy Horizon Institute Program has been for 4 years had a very successful program for MLA's and state legislators to go through a 60 credit course in Washington State, and Washington, DC to learn about the energy systems: how they work, how they are built, regulated, financed.

Just before the last election, Matt Morrison of PNWER met with Rich Coleman, and the Speaker, and briefed them on LEHI. Both thought this would be important for BC to participate in, especially because of the LNG development in BC, and because it is an excellent chance to meet and get to know key energy policymakers in neighboring jurisdictions. But because an election was still coming, no decisions were made. Certainly the sponsors of the program have been interested in having BC's participation.

We have had good participation from every jurisdiction except BC for this program. Mainly because of timing - elections, changes of energy ministers, etc. Minister Yamamoto attended half of the program in Washington DC two years ago, and has a good understanding of the program, and I believe would advocate for BC sending at least one MLA. Both the energy Ministers in Alberta and SK are graduates of the program.

I know you are in session, and perhaps that will be the time to figure out how to move forward on this. We set a deadline of March 1 to get folks enrolled, and at least we need to know if BC is interested in having any slots in the program by that date.

Sincerely,

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