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Mr. Terence Gannon  
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Dear Mr. Gannon:

Thank you for your recent email. As Minister of Energy, I am pleased to respond.

The cost recovery model that I mentioned in my previous letter is a method that the Energy Resources Conservation Board (ERCB) is using to offset the costs of providing data. As an overall approach, it is intended to balance the costs and efforts expended in collecting, managing and making data available to its stakeholders. The prices are fair, allowing the data to be made available to all clients.

The specific revenue attributed to the sales of the General Well Data file (ST76) is part of the overall contribution to the ERCB's operating budget from data sales. That revenue effectively lowers the amount that the ERCB must receive from government and industry to operate effectively in its role. In order to maintain the integrity of that budgeting model, we cannot separate or reduce the revenue derived from any specific data set without affecting the entire approach.

Regarding your concerns about specific problems with the Well Licenses Issued (ST1) report, I appreciate that you would like to have the issues resolved as soon as possible to complete your work. As with all requests, the ERCB must continue to balance and prioritize all requests for enhancements with other demands for its limited resources.

The ERCB's approach to data dissemination strives for balance and equity in the delivery of services to all stakeholders.

I have encouraged the ERCB to maintain an open dialogue with you to ensure that you are able to utilize the data products that are available.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Knight', written in a cursive style.

Mel R. Knight  
Minister

cc: Alana Delong, MLA  
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