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## Minister Accountability Statement

The *Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources 2017/18 - 2019/20 Service Plan* was prepared under my direction in accordance with the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act*. I am accountable for the basis on which the plan has been prepared.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michelle Mungall". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources  
August 25, 2017

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## **Purpose of the Ministry**

The Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources (Ministry) is responsible for British Columbia's electricity, alternative energy, oil, natural gas and related infrastructure, and the province's mining and mineral exploration sectors. These sectors are made up of diverse interests that explore for and produce oil, natural gas, coal and other valuable minerals and that develop electricity generation, transmission and distribution infrastructure, clean or renewable energy sources, including biomass, biogas, geothermal, hydro, solar, ocean, wind and low-carbon transportation fuels, and advance energy efficiency. Through teamwork and positive working relationships with its clients and stakeholders, the Ministry facilitates thriving, safe, environmentally responsible and competitive natural gas, oil, energy and mining sectors in order to create jobs and economic growth in communities across the province. In fulfilling its mandate, the Ministry consults with other ministries and levels of government, energy developers and marketers, regulators, mineral exploration and mining companies, First Nations, communities, environmental and industry organizations, and the public.

The Ministry supports the Minister in her governance responsibilities for the following Crown Corporations: [British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority](#) (BC Hydro) and the [Oil and Gas Commission](#) (OGC).

## Ministry Goals, Objectives and Performance Measures

The Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources' goals are to help government achieve the following three commitments to British Columbians:

- The first commitment is to make life more affordable. British Columbians are counting on government to make their lives easier by containing costs and service fees.
- The second commitment is to deliver the services that people count on. Government services touch the lives of British Columbians every day, and there is so much more that we can – and must – do to provide these services where and when people need them. Additionally, in many cases, critical programs and services are delivered by Crown Corporations, and our Ministry will work with Board Chairs to improve levels of service to citizens.
- The third commitment is to build a strong, sustainable, innovative economy that works for everyone. Our government believes that all ministries and public sector organizations have a role to play in supporting broad-based economic growth, developing poverty reduction strategies, and helping create good-paying jobs in every region of the province.

Integrating with these priorities is government's commitment to true, lasting reconciliation with First Nations in British Columbia, as we move towards fully adopting and implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Beyond our work in supporting these commitments, the Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources has been tasked in the mandate letter to achieve the following specific objectives and performance targets:

- the creation of a roadmap for the future of B.C. energy that will drive innovation, expand energy-efficiency and conservation programs, generate new energy responsibly and sustainably, and create lasting good jobs across the province;
- the reinvigoration of the Innovative Clean Energy fund to boost investments in groundbreaking new energy technologies and climate change solutions;
- the freezing of BC Hydro rates while conducting a comprehensive review of the Crown corporation;
- immediately referring the Site C dam construction project to the B.C. Utilities Commission on the question of economic viability and consequences to British Columbians in the context of the current supply and demand conditions prevailing in the B.C. market;
- the establishment of a BC Mining Jobs Task Force to create and sustain good jobs in this important industry;

- the development of an improved and properly resourced approvals process to assess mining applications, and increase industry safety by establishing an independent oversight unit; and,
- ensuring that British Columbians benefit from liquefied natural gas projects by requiring proposals to meet the following four conditions:
  - (1) Proposals must include express guarantees of jobs and training opportunities for British Columbians;
  - (2) Proposals must provide a fair return for our resource;
  - (3) Proposals must respect and make partners of First Nations; and
  - (4) Proposals must protect our air, land and water, including living up to our climate commitments.

Our Ministry will continue to develop specific objectives and performance measures for inclusion in our 2018/19 Service Plan, which will be released with *Budget 2018*.

## Resource Summary

Core Business Area	2016/17 Restated Estimates <sup>1</sup>	2017/18 Estimates	2018/19 Plan	2019/20 Plan
<b>Operating Expenses (\$000)</b>				
Mines and Mineral Resources .....	16,939	21,630	22,479	22,369
Electricity and Alternative Energy .....	2,967	42,998 <sup>3</sup>	3,033	3,033
Upstream Development .....	12,438	12,506	12,587	12,587
Liquefied Natural Gas .....	6,341	6,345	6,335	6,287
Oil and Strategic Initiatives .....	1,015	1,020	1,029	1,029
Executive and Support Services .....	9,258	10,507	10,673	10,653
Innovative Clean Energy Fund .....	2,299	2,299	2,303	2,303
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>51,257</b>	<b>97,305</b>	<b>58,439</b>	<b>58,261</b>
<b>Ministry Capital Expenditures (Consolidated Revenue Fund) (\$000)</b>				
Executive and Support Services .....	756	409	409	409
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>409</b>
<b>Other Financing Transactions (\$000)</b>				
Oil and Gas Commission Receipts <sup>2</sup> .....	(32,617)	(35,226)	(35,366)	(35,066)
Oil and Gas Commission Disbursements .....	32,617	35,226	35,366	35,066
<b>Net Cash (Requirements) .....</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>



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Total Disbursements .....	32,617	35,226	35,366	35,066
Total Net Cash Source (Requirements) .....	0	0	0	0

<sup>1</sup> For comparative purposes, amounts shown for 2016/17 have been restated to be consistent with the presentation of the 2017/18 Estimates.

<sup>2</sup> Levies include Production Levies and OSRF revenues but not Pipeline revenues

<sup>3</sup> Includes \$40 million for clean energy vehicles

\*Further information on program funding and vote recoveries is available in the [Estimates and Supplement to the Estimates](#).

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