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Mr. Jim Towle, Chair  
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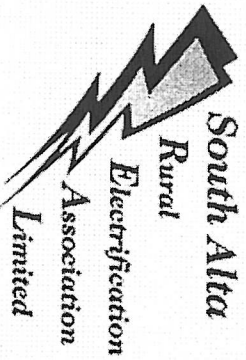
Dear Jim:

We want you to know that South Alta REA is very supportive of CAREA's recent application at the Alberta Utilities Commission to have its own franchise area. When granted, this will give your Central Alberta Rural Electrification Association the right to serve any person in its service area wishing to obtain electricity for use on property; while restricting Fortis Alberta to providing electric distribution service in your service area only insofar as a consumer is not served by CAREA.

We believe that such an arrangement would make our electrical system much more functional in that it would relieve the cause of many REA disputes with the Investor Owned Utilities such as wheeling charges and services-built-in error. In addition, it would be much less confusing to REA Members as well as to the customers of the Investor Owned Utilities.

Rural Electrification Associations have been an integral part of rural Alberta for well over 50 years now; and having REA franchise areas would help ensure our survival for many more years; as we continue to provide quality electrical service to rural Albertans, and as we continue to serve as a cost-comparison with the I.O.U's.

We offer our congratulations on your decision to enter into this process; and we wish you nothing but success as your initiative continues.



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Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John A. Ross", is written over a horizontal line.

John A. Ross, Board Chair, South Alta Rural Electrification Association

cc- South Alta REA Board of Directors  
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