Cabinet agreed that:

1. ENERGY implement electricity rate mitigation actions that support up to a 25% electricity bill reduction (including the 8% reduction announced in 2016) in 2017 for a typical residential consumer using 750 kWh per month serviced by Toronto Hydro.

2. ENERGY implement electricity rate mitigation for all electricity consumers eligible to be billed under the Ontario Energy Board's Regulated Price Plan (RPP) and any other consumers who would be eligible for RPP if their electricity account was with a licensed distributor by:

   A. Subject to legal, accounting and financing risk assessment, refinancing Global Adjustment (GA) in order to partially defer RPP-eligible ratepayer GA costs which would reduce electricity costs for a typical consumer by up to $26 per month in 2017. Total projected bill increases will be kept in line with CPI until the end of 2021. From 2022 onwards, bills will increase at a rate that ensures recovery of the accumulated debt by 2048.

      i. Explore expanding the powers of Ontario Energy Board (OEB), Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO), Ontario Power Generation (OPG), Ontario Financing Authority (OFA) and Ontario Electricity Financial Corporation (OEFC) (together, the "agencies") and using other mechanisms, including establishing in legislation and regulation, or otherwise appropriate payment, settlement and cost-recovery authorities for and through the agencies to manage and recover the deferred GA costs.

3. ENERGY implement additional rate mitigation initiatives targeted at specific populations, including:

   A. Broadening the Rural or Remote Rate Protection (RRRP) program to mitigate distribution charges for customers of Local Distribution Companies (LDC) with some of the highest distribution rates, and provide government funding in 2017, including:

      i. Harmonizing distribution costs for Hydro One (R1 and R2 rate classes), Algoma Power, Atikokan Hydro, InnPower, Chapleau Public Utilities Commission, Sioux Lookout Hydro, Lakeland Power (Parry Sound service territory) and Northern Ontario Wires Inc. so that no eligible customer pays more than the lowest average consumer cost among the identified LDCs. For 2017, it is estimated that this will limit distribution costs for these customers at approximately $38/month.

      ii. Requiring a review of appropriate program support levels in 2023.

B. Expanding every benefit level of the Ontario Electricity Support Program by 50%, expanding the categories of the OESP credits, provide government funding in 2017 and pursuing additional measures to increase enrollment;

C. Establishing a new one-time government funded Affordability Fund in 2016/17 to provide relief to electricity customers who do not qualify for existing low income conservation programs and who are unable to undertake energy efficiency measures without financial assistance; and

D. Establishing a new province-wide government funded program beginning in 2017 that would eliminate the delivery charge for grid-connected First Nations customers on reserve.

4. Expanding the Industrial Conservation Initiative (ICI) by extending eligibility to consumers with average monthly peak demand over 500 kilowatts, operating in industries with the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes 31 - 33 (i.e., Manufacturing).

5. ENERGY report back to Treasury Board/Management Board of Cabinet, on:

   A. For the feasibility of refinancing the Global Adjustment, per minute 2A, including legal, accounting and financing risk assessment.

   B. If a mechanism cannot be established for refinancing the Global Adjustment without an impact on the fiscal plan, options for achieving a comparable level of electricity rate mitigation in the most cost effective way in order to minimize the impact on the province's fiscal plan.

   C. Options for establishing the additional proposed rate mitigation initiatives targeted at specific populations, per Paragraph #3, including a proposal to move the RRRP and OESP from ratepayer funded programs to government funded programs.

6. ENERGY, through the Long-Term Energy Plan (LTEP) and its implementation processes, take steps to further reduce electricity rates across the system:

   A. Ontario Energy Board (OEB) – Requiring the OEB to identify opportunities for OEB red-tape reduction and future LDC cost efficiency and productivity improvements;

   B. Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) – Directing the IESO to take steps towards modernizing Ontario's electricity market through electricity Market Renewal initiatives; and

7. ENERGY explore additional rate mitigation initiatives targeted at specific populations, including:

   A. Ministry of Housing working with ENERGY to explore ways to provide assistance to tenants that are not sub-metered and do not benefit under the existing and proposed rate mitigation programs and report back to Treasury Board/Management Board of Cabinet and Cabinet in spring 2017.

   B. Exploring ways to establish additional supports for Class B consumers and report back to Treasury Board/Management Board of Cabinet and Cabinet in spring 2017 with a recommended approach.

8. ENERGY seek any further Treasury Board /Management Board of Cabinet approvals of these initiatives prior to implementation.

9. ENERGY report to LRC and Cabinet in spring 2017 with legislative amendments to implement the above initiatives, as necessary or appropriate.

10. ENERGY to report back to LRC and Cabinet for approval of any supporting regulations and complementary regulatory amendments in spring 2017 or as soon as is practicable thereafter.

11. ENERGY and MOF work with the Premier’s Office and the Cabinet Office on the development and implementation of an integrated communications strategy.