

Dear [CEO of an LDC],

As an organization that has daily interactions with Ontario's electricity customers, I know that you are aware of the increasing cost pressures faced by your customers. The government has heard concerns about electricity prices from all corners of the Province, particularly for households, and understands that Ontarians are looking for some relief from rising electricity costs.

I am pleased to announce a number of price mitigation measures that will help in managing the electricity rates for your customers. In particular I would like to highlight plans to introduce new legislation that, if passed, will provide all customers who are eligible for the Regulated Price Plan with an eight percent rebate starting on January 1, 2017. This will mean a reduction in bills for residential customers, small businesses and farms in your service territory.

In addition to this rebate the government will also be updating the Rural or Remote Rate Protection program to increase the amount of available funding for eligible rural customers. This proposed funding increase to RRRP and the eight percent rebate will result in electricity relief of approximately \$45 per month for eligible RRRP customers.

In addition to initiatives aimed at low-volume and rural customers, the government is also intending to expand the Industrial Conservation initiative (ICI) to lower the threshold from 5 MW to 1 MW, as well as removing some of the sectoral restrictions.

I know that you will recognize the benefits of these initiatives for your customers. I look forward to ongoing engagement with you as we roll out these initiatives to benefit Ontario consumers over the next few months. I know that I can count on you to work with the Ministry on the timely implementation of these initiatives to ensure that customers receive relief on their electricity bills as of January 1, 2017.

Sincerely,

Minister Thibeault