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***[Ministry-Generated letter to LDCs re: Rural or Remote Rate Protection program implementation]***

[Name]

[Title]

[Organization]

[Address]

[City] ON [Postal Code]

Dear [Name]:

As you are aware, your company is now required to provide Distribution Rate Protection to your customers as part of Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan. This new program, an expansion of existing Rural or Remote Rate Protection, is intended to mitigate the high costs of distribution for eligible customers. This program helps fulfill the Government's commitment to help rural Ontarians coping with high electricity costs.

I want to thank you for your company's participation in the development work associated with this program. The Distribution Rate Protection working groups with Local Distribution Companies (LDCs) were integral in helping the province design the legislative framework for the program as well as the enabling regulation. The implementation considerations raised throughout the course of the working group were instrumental in crafting the program in such a way that the benefits could be delivered beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>. I greatly appreciate your staff's time and commitment to meet our implementation target.

The provision of this significant rate relief would not be possible without your help and we would like to sincerely thank you for your time, effort, and commitment in helping to deliver Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan.

Sincerely,

Hon. Glenn Thibeault  
Minister