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[Ministry-Generated letter to LDCs re: First Nations Delivery Credit program implementation]

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Dear [Generic LDC]:

Over the course of the past several months the Ministry of Energy has been working collaboratively with a number of valued partners to develop the First Nations Delivery Credit (FNDC). From the program's inception, the amendment of the *Ontario Energy Board Act* to provide the authority to deliver the program and the development of the FNDC Regulation, I want to thank you for your help in bringing Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan to life.

Through your engagement and consultation work with the OEB to your involvement in the FNDC Working Group, the tireless efforts of everyone involved has paved the way for this program to come to fruition. The FNDC will provide much needed relief from the high costs of electricity in First Nations communities. As a result of the engagements with LDCs and First Nations through the Working Group process, the Ministry is pleased the FNDC program will be successfully implemented by the commencement date of July 1, 2017.

The issues identified in LDC working group meetings helped to shape the program parameters and design features. To deliver the FNDC program according to plan, I encourage you to undertake increased outreach efforts to your First Nation on-reserve customers to ensure no one gets left behind where appropriate. I trust that you are prepared to address the increased interest from First Nation on-reserve customers who will be providing the necessary information to receive both the HST exemption and credit.

The provision of this significant rate relief would not be possible without your help and I would like to sincerely thank you for your time, effort and commitment to improving the lives of First Nation peoples in Ontario.

Sincerely,

Glenn Thibeault
Minister