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WORKING DRAFT – 2017 LTEP LETTER TO STAKEHOLDERS

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<HONOURIFIC> <FIRSTNAME> <LASTNAME>
<TITLE>
<MUNICIPALITY>
<ADDRESS>
<CITY> ON <POSTAL>

Dear <SALUTATION>:

As you may be aware, Ontario recently completed a comprehensive review of its energy plan for the future. I am pleased to inform you of the release of Ontario's 2017 Long-Term Energy Plan (LTEP), *Delivering Fairness and Choice*.

Since 2003, our government has been investing in Ontario's electricity system to ensure it is clean and reliable. Over the last decade, we have rebuilt our transmission and distribution grid, invested in clean generation and closed the last coal-fired power plant. Ontarians are benefitting from these years of investment. In 2016, the province's electricity system was 90 per cent free of greenhouse gas emissions that cause climate change. The phase out of coal-fired generation and our investments in clean generation have also contributed to dramatically improved air quality across Ontario.

Our success in building a clean and reliable electricity system means we can maintain our focus on helping Ontarians and their families. Over the last several years electricity prices have increased, and that's why we took strong and decisive action in launching Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan.

Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan reduced electricity bills for residential consumers by an average of 25 per cent and will hold increases to the rate of inflation for four years. As many as half a million small businesses and farms are also benefitting from the reduction. Lower-income Ontarians and those living in eligible rural and Northern communities are receiving even greater reductions, as much as 40 to 50 per cent.

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Thanks to Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan, as well as a number of other measures aimed at reducing costs, the 2017 LTEP residential price outlook remains below the 2013 LTEP's outlook for the forecast period.

The release of *Delivering Fairness and Choice* follows the most extensive set of consultations and engagements ever undertaken by the Ministry of Energy. In the fall of 2016, my ministry began conducting consultations and engagements with Indigenous communities, stakeholders and government agencies. Equally important, this process provided the opportunity for people from across Ontario to offer invaluable input and feedback.

Thousands of organizations, communities, businesses and citizens wrote to us. Hundreds came to the 17 open houses that were held across the province. We also engaged with representatives of over 100 different First Nation and Métis organizations and communities. The ministry also received over 1,500 submissions through the Environmental Registry, and over 2,500 submissions through the online Talks Tool, as well as other channels.

In written submissions and at meetings, we heard that affordability is a top priority and that Ontarians wanted more control and choice over how they use and pay for electricity. *Delivering Fairness and Choice* is committed to giving customers more choices in their energy use and will strive to make energy more affordable. Our plan ensures that Ontarians and their families continue to be at the centre of everything we do.

I hope you enjoy reading *Delivering Fairness and Choice*. This plan represents Ontario's commitment to keeping electricity rates affordable while maintaining a safe, clean, modern and reliable electricity system that will benefit all Ontarians.

To view a complete copy of *Delivering Fairness and Choice*, please visit [**<INSERT LINK>**](#).

I look forward to continuing to work with you to implement Ontario's new Long-Term Energy Plan.

Sincerely,

Glenn Thibeault
Minister

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