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- I understand that this submission seeks policy approval to support finalizing Ontario's next Long-Term Energy Plan (LTEP), and that Minister of Energy intends to return twice again to Cabinet, including on the outlooks to be included in the updated LTEP, before this Plan is released.
- While I understand that many of the proposed initiatives outlined in this submission are intended to generate efficiencies for the sector, there is little discussion or data to support analysis on the impact on ratepayers of most initiatives.
- It may be more appropriate to provide policy approval for the proposed items, and Minute them, on reviewing that analysis and cost impact information in the context of the proposed updated LTEP outlooks that the Ministry is planning to return to Cabinet with in August.
- The coming, subsequent submissions could also discuss how the proposed initiatives may affect the Fair Hydro Plan.

- It would be important to know that the commitments made under the Fair Hydro Plan are supported by these proposals, or are not negatively affected, and that the full costs of these initiatives are understood, including any potential impact on taxpayers.
- Today's submission and proposed Minute could note that the approval being provided is an approval-in-principle, or conditional, pending future submissions to Cabinet on LTEP so that Cabinet is able to review the full LTEP proposal in context, including the cost picture.
- Regarding the proposed government-funded initiatives – the International Energy Demonstration Fund (IEDF) and the expansion of the Smart Grid Fund, I am concerned that out-year financial impacts – which may not be currently fully understood - on the fiscal plan may be implied through the approval of these policy initiatives.
- For example, would the demonstration fund program potentially result in further funding requests above the \$10 million for related or off-shoot programs, in 2017-18 or future years, or additional costs through a continuation of the program?
- In addition, has the Ministry explored whether the proposed government-funded initiatives could be funded out of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Account (GGRA) funds?