In Brief: Energy Regulations at Cabinet, June 14, 2017

- The Ministry has brought forward a number of regulations and amendments to existing regulations for approval.
    - These regulations are essential in order to implement the full Fair Hydro Plan in time for July 1st, as promised by the government.
- There are three groups of regulations:

1. Regulations that enable **refinancing of the Global Adjustment**, including:
    - A number of regulations necessary for the OEB to recalculate electricity rates ahead of July 1st, such as:
        - Defining the customer used to calculate the on average 25% savings, and
        - The methodology for the OEB to ensure electricity bills are held to inflation beginning in 2018.
    - Also included are regulations that further define the roles and responsibilities of OPG and IESO. This is necessary for the refinancing process.

2. Regulations that enable targeted **social programs** that were committed to as part of the Fair Hydro Plan, including:
    - The First Nations Delivery Credit
        - Based on consultation with First Nations partners and LDCs, regulations allow the new delivery credit to be applied to customers based on their HST exemption status already collected by LDCs.
        - All LDCs have indicated that these customers will automatically begin receiving the credit as of July 1st.
    - Distribution Rate Protection
        - Regulations will enable tax-based funds to support the RRRP program.
        - Additional distribution rate protection will be extended to customers of the 8 other highest-cost LDCs.
    - (Regulations to support further developments in the OESP will come to Cabinet later this month)

3. Regulations to **update electricity bill presentment**, and to support efforts at bill redesign, including:
    - Requiring standardized Fair Hydro Plan messaging be included on electricity bills,
    - Requiring a Fair Hydro Plan insert once per quarter for the next year, and
    - Removing outdated requirements (such as including information on bills about the DRC).
    - Finally, Hydro One will be exempted from the particulars of these regulations, in order to allow them to pursue a bill redesign project beginning in Fall 2017.