

GENERAL LTEP REPORT BACK EMAIL

Dear NAME:

I am writing today to report back on the comments the Ministry of Energy received during its First Nation engagement process this past fall in support of the development of the province's next Long-Term Energy Plan (LTEP). The First Nation engagement process consisted of 14 in-person sessions as well as the opportunity to make written submissions to the Ministry. The process provided a chance to discuss issues of importance to communities and to ensure that First Nation voices are reflected in the province's next LTEP.

Please find attached a summary of the feedback we received from First Nation communities and organizations. The feedback and conversations were very wide ranging and captured a diversity of perspectives on an array of energy related subjects. The feedback has been organized under the broad themes of delivery, supply and innovation, prices, conservation and energy efficiency, programming, and climate change.

Electricity affordability was one of the most consistently raised subjects during the engagement process. Recognizing the impact that electricity affordability has on peoples' everyday lives, Ontario is taking action now, pending legislation, to enhance electricity support programs such as the Ontario Electricity Support Program and implementation of a First Nations Delivery Credit. The First Nations Delivery Credit will apply to on-reserve First Nation residential electricity customers served by licensed distributors. The need for rate relief is urgent and all parties will work diligently to take the steps required to implement the credit, with a target implementation date of January 2018. The credit will provide a 100% credit of the delivery or service charge, depending on how your local utility company bills you for electricity.

The First Nations Delivery Credit reflects the First Nation leadership and the feedback heard during the LTEP engagement process. The Credit demonstrates how the Political Accord signed between First Nations and Ontario is coming to life, and is intended to help address some of the unique challenges that on-reserve First Nations customers face, and to recognize First Nations' contribution to the provincial electricity system. For more information on the First Nations Delivery Credit and other support program enhancements, please visit: Ontario.ca/XX

Ministry staff are now hard at work taking what we heard and developing the next LTEP, which will be released later this year. The next LTEP will guide the province's future energy decisions and will provide a base for the province's ongoing energy-related conversations in the years ahead.

We want to provide First Nations with an opportunity to reflect on our understanding of the feedback we received and, as such, are organizing an LTEP wrap-up session in the coming months. We would like to invite two representatives from all interested communities to attend, and will send a follow-up communication with further details in the near future.

Keep in touch! We want to ensure the energy conversation continues. You can reply to this email or write to us at Indigenous.Energy@Ontario.ca to let us know about your concerns, interests and ideas.

Thank-you again for your interest in the province's energy planning process and for helping to shape the Ontario's next LTEP.

Sincerely,

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