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Mr. Gadi Mayman
Chief Executive Officer
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Re: **IESO Credit Requirements for the 2017 Fair Hydro Plan**

Dear Mr. Mayman,

As you are aware the Ontario government has announced its intension to implement the proposed Fair Hydro Plan (FHP) to reduce electricity prices for eligible consumers in the province. Proposed legislation was introduced this month for the FHP. The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is preparing to implement the FHP and has determined that in order to support the IESO's role in FHP implementation it will need greater credit liquidity than currently exists.

An existing credit facility between the IESO and the Ontario Financing Authority (OFA) is currently available for $975 million which includes support for the current Regulated Price Plan (RPP) program. The IESO proposes that a separate and additional credit facility be provided by either the OFA or Ontario Electricity Financial Corporation (OEFC) to support only the FHP credit needs. A separate facility for the FHP is preferable to ensure operational efficiency and interest tracking.

IESO's FHP Credit Requirements and Rationale
Below we have outlined the IESO's expected credit needs including the current OFA facility as follows:

| | OFA:IESO Facility | New FHP facility |
|---|---|---|
| Current credit facilities | $975 million | $ - |
| Reduction due to FHP | ($500 million) | $ - |
| Increase due to FHP | $ - | $2,000 million |
| Totals Credit Facilities | $475 million | $2,000 million |

The above $500 million reduction in the current OFA facility is to eliminate duplicate credit needs and reflect the replacement of the current RPP by the new FHP. In addition, the IESO has had recent discussions with OFA staff to explain the rationale to support the overall $2,000 million FHP commitment.

We suggest the new FHP credit facility consider the following key provisions:

- 5 year term - to align with the FHP's initial period of deferral of electricity prices plus a contingency period (i.e. to September 30, 2022);
- interest charge - to be Province's cost of funds for borrowing with a similar term as determined by OFA / OEFC plus 0.25 percent per annum;
- Draws - to be based on minimum of 7 days to a maximum of 95 days, to minimize interest costs and permit efficient FHP asset transfers; and
- Existing $975 million OFA facility : draws to permit for FHP purposes until a new separate credit agreement for FHP purposes has been made available;

Upon your reply to this letter, the IESO will seek any necessary IESO Board of Directors' approval for the above credit facilities and we will provide such evidence for your records.

We appreciate your continued support and look forward to working with you. Please contact me should you need anything further.

Sincerely,

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