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Mr. Bernard Lord
Board Chair
Ontario Power Generation Inc.
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Dear Mr. Lord:

I am writing to provide Ontario Power Generation Inc. (OPG) with additional detail regarding elements of Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan as announced by the government on March 2, 2017. Given OPG's active participation in the electricity market and its expertise in rate regulated accounting and investment stewardship over significant pension and nuclear funds, I am writing specifically to request OPG's involvement in the implementation of the Global Adjustment (GA) refinancing that will be required in relation to changes to the GA proposed as a component of Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan.

The Government of Ontario proposes to take steps to lower electricity bills by 25 per cent for a typical residential electricity consumer relative to what those bills would otherwise have been without Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan. Changes to the GA are proposed to be a component of the 25 per cent rate relief. This proposed 25 per cent rate relief measure would also be inclusive of the 8 per cent rebate that is already in effect under the *Ontario Rebate for Electricity Consumers Act, 2016* and the savings that are anticipated to result from the proposed shifting of the Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP) and the Rural or Remote Rate Protection (RRPP) program costs from ratepayers to provincial revenues.

I am requesting that OPG, working with the Ministry of Energy, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO), the Ontario Financing Authority (OFA) and their respective advisors, consider and recommend a plan for financing mechanisms that could achieve the Province's objectives with respect to Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan, all in accordance with any legislation and regulations currently in place, or that may subsequently be implemented, with respect to facilitating Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan.

In particular, the Province would like OPG's financing plan to consider, among other things, structures and methods that would permit refinancing of a portion of the GA in order to reduce electricity prices for specified electricity consumers, with the costs of the refinancing to be recovered over a period of no more than 30 years, all in accordance with any legislation and regulations currently in place, or that may subsequently be implemented, with respect to facilitating Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan. I would also expect OPG's financing plan to include:

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I. Potential structures for the financing, which may include, as appropriate, a special purpose vehicle (SPV) created for the financing;

II. Potential financing mechanisms and instruments, including senior debt and subordinated debt; and

III. Identification of the capital markets and jurisdictions that can be accessed to refinance a portion of the GA.

The Province recognizes the need to provide OPG with the necessary assurances with respect to recovery of the principal, interest and operating and other costs of any financing, and will consider the specific requirements identified by OPG and its advisors, including in any future legislation and regulations that would govern the mechanics and requirements of the financing entity. I would also request that your plan identify any amendments to OPG's governing legislation and constating documents needed to facilitate the implementation of the financing plan in a commercial manner.

I would further expect that OPG's financing plan would be implemented in an effective and cost-efficient manner by OPG balancing the need to protect the interests of ratepayers and the financial health of OPG. I would also further expect that OPG will ensure that any of its proposed borrowing and other activities under its financing plan take into account the "inter-generational" approach that the Province is intending to provide in executing Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan.

I look forward to receiving a detailed plan that has the support of the OPG Board of Directors by June 1, 2017.

Sincerely,

Glenn Thibeault
Minister

c: Hon. Charles Sousa, Minister of Finance
Scott Thompson, Deputy Minister of Finance
Serge Imbrogno, Deputy Minister of Energy
Gadi Mayman, CEO, Ontario Financing Authority
Jeffrey Lyash, President and CEO, Ontario Power Generation