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The Hon. Glenn Thibeault Minister
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Ms. Rosemarie T. Leclair Chair & CEO
Ontario Energy Board
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Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Minister Thibeault and Chair Leclair,

I received a copy of the enclosed letter to the Premier as sent by Mr. Eric Pietsch, President, Geraldton District Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Pietsch and the Chamber are concerned about energy costs in Ontario, especially in how they may affect business and business development. (He also uses a residential example of 'added cost' factors on hydro bills.) He expresses the opinion that the Fair Hydro Plan may be unfair to future generations.

While I feel that the Fair Hydro Plan is a positive step, I will respectfully forward this letter for the consideration of the Ontario Energy Board and the Ministry of Energy, with my thanks to Mr. Pietsch and the Geraldton District Chamber of Commerce for their input to the dialogue on controlling energy costs.

Yours, sincerely,

Michael Gravelle, MPP
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cc Mr. Eric Pietsch President
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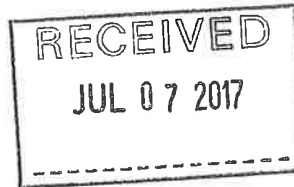
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July 3, 2017

Premier Kathleen Wynne
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Dear Premier Wynne,

I am very concerned with the way in which your government is treating Hydro One customers – indeed the way your government is treating all Ontarians.

Your Fair Hydro Plan is not actually fair to future generations. Many of the business members that I represent envision that in ten years this plan will financially cripple businesses and residents of the Province.

I wish to provide an example from the present day – a situation that comes from my own camp property. In one three month period I used 31 KWH of electricity. The cost for this energy is \$3.19. And then I look at the add ons to my bill – which bring the actual bill to \$125.05. In the future, I can only envision additional add ons – for all consumers, both business and residential.

Please direct your government advisors and policy makers to find ways of actually managing our electricity costs – such as reducing costs – rather than deferring the hard decisions. The Fair Hydro Plan only provides subsidies now and adds debt now for us to pay for in the future.

You have an opportunity – right now - to provide leadership and address the root issues of high electricity costs. I urge you to do so.

To business owners in our Region your Fair Hydro Plan appears destined to create a future in Ontario in which living and operating a business will be unaffordable.

Yours truly,

Eric Pietsch
President
Geraldton District Chamber of Commerce

cc:

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Ministry of Northern Development and Mines
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