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Hon. Glenn Thibeault  
Minister of Energy  
Hearst Block  
4th Floor, 900 Bay Street  
Toronto, ON  
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Minister Thibeault,

**Re: 17-ENE006 Proposed amendments to O. Reg. 429/04 and O. Reg. 280/14 made under the Electricity Act, 1998 and proposed regulations under the pending Ontario Fair Hydro Plan Act, 2017 (OFHPA)**

The OFA is the largest voluntary, general farm organization in Canada, representing over 36,000 farm families across Ontario. As a dynamic farmer-led organization based in Guelph, Ontario, OFA works to represent and champion the interests of Ontario farmers through government relations, farm policy recommendations, lobby efforts, community representation, media relations and more. OFA is the leading advocate and voice for Ontario farmers.

The proposed amendments are necessary to enable IESO, the Regulator and distributors to administer Global Adjustment refinancing accordance with Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan. As previously submitted by OFA, we support a means to refinance a portion of Global Adjustments over the planned life of system assets. This, coupled with equalizing rural distribution rates to urban rates is very important in supporting rural residents and businesses. However, a more fulsome equalization should include a means to equalize rural General Service Demand customer rates to Urban Demand customer rates. Some 720 rural farm business customers under Demand billing will not see Global Adjustments align with urban counterparts. This inequity must be addressed.

Thank you for considering these comments. We look forward to discussing this issue further with your Ministry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Keith Currie', written in a cursive style.

Keith Currie  
President

cc: Ontario's Regulatory Registry online comment email  
OFA Board of Directors