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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-ENE004 Proposed amendments to O. Reg. 442/01 RRRP and O. Reg. 315/14 OESP made under the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998 (OEBA) and proposed regulations under the OEBA as enabled under the pending Ontario Fair Hydro Plan Act, 2017**

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 usher in improve rural residential, rural small business and First Nation distribution rate protection, and to improve OESP processes. We the support proposed administrative amendments to bring equalized distribution charges in rural and remote areas and help those experiencing energy poverty.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Keith Currie', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Keith Currie  
President

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