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Subject: Upcoming Meetings on the Large Renewable Procurement

To Municipal Chief Administrative Officers and Heads of Planning:

On June 12, 2013, the Minister of Energy directed the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) to make changes to the Feed-in Tariff Program, including removing large projects (larger than 500 kilowatts) from the program and developing a new competitive procurement process that considers input from stakeholders, municipalities and First Nation and Métis communities to help identify appropriate locations and siting requirements for these projects.

Following an initial dialogue with stakeholders and communities, the OPA provided the Minister of Energy with the “Development of a New Large Renewable Procurement Process – Initial Engagement Feedback and Interim Recommendations” report on August 30, 2013. Thank you to those who provided feedback during the initial engagement process and helped shape the development of the interim recommendations. The report is posted on the OPA’s website at: <http://www.powerauthority.on.ca/large-renewable-procurement>.

Furthermore, the Ministry of Energy released the updated [Long-Term Energy Plan, “Achieving Balance”](#), on December 2, 2013. It specifically referenced the Large Renewable Procurement (LRP), including procurement targets by technology, and the government’s desire to launch the program before the end of the first quarter of 2014. This plan is available for review on the Ministry of Energy website: www.energy.gov.on.ca/en/ltep.

The OPA is now continuing the engagement process and would like to invite you and members of your staff to attend a joint municipal-local electric utility session to discuss the additional work that is underway to further develop the LRP process in advance of its anticipated launch in 2014.

Regional meetings are being planned in the communities of Chatham, Orillia, Napanee and Sudbury between the weeks of January 13 and February 3, 2014. We will be contacting you by telephone to confirm a date and time for our meeting with you.

Following the meeting with you, we will hold a regional open house session later the same day in your area from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Notice of the open house will be published in local and regional newspapers.

In the interim, we would welcome your initial feedback by email to customize our meeting with you. You may send your suggestions to lrp@powerauthority.on.ca.

We look forward to engaging with you on the Large Renewable Procurement initiative.

Sincerely,

Ontario Power Authority

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