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The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities

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Dear Minister Sousa,

The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) continues to pay close attention to the ongoing discussions regarding the Power Dam Special Payments Program on behalf of municipalities across the Northeast, many of which host power dams within their municipal boundaries.

The *2015 Budget*, which was passed on June 3, 2015 in the Legislature, reiterates the commitment from the Province to explore the option of reintroducing property taxation for power dams to municipalities. As a result of not being able to complete the property tax component before the 2015 municipal budget year, the planned reduction to the program was deferred.

While further analysis and consultation efforts are undertaken by the Ministry of Finance with the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) as well as municipal and electricity representatives, we would like to request that a commitment be made to ensure that any future reductions also be deferred until a decision has been reached.

We look forward to continuing to work with your Ministry and stakeholders to come to a resolution that benefits the municipalities who have power dams within their boundaries.

Yours sincerely,



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cc: Assistant Deputy Minister, Allan Doheny