



*Long-Term Thinking  
for Today's Issues*

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**Re: Proposed Amendments to the Distribution System Code (Board File Number: EB  
2007-0709)**

The Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario (CFFO) wishes to express its support of the Ontario Energy Board's development of new regulations dealing with the issue of stray voltage and its effect on farm animals.

The proposed Appendix A is taking steps in the right direction. The CFFO recommends that an unbiased agency be available to provide on-farm testing for stray voltage.

The CFFO considers it to be critical that the forthcoming Appendix H is developed in a manner that sets reasonable requirements for farmers to provide sufficient evidence to prompt energy providers to investigate further. The strong positive steps laid down in Appendix A could potentially be rendered useless if the burden of proof in Appendix H is too great.

The CFFO hopes that the development and implementation of improvements to dealing with stray voltage continue at a swift pace, providing those with stray voltage issues with a quick, reliable remedy to their issues.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important matter.

Regards,  
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