

Your letter was forwarded by the Premier's Office to the Ministry of Energy for a more detailed reply, and I am pleased to be able to respond. First of all, thank you very much for your letter outlining the benefits of geothermal power.

The OPA had certain criteria for including technologies in the FIT program, including maturity of the technology and experience with it in Ontario. The desire for the inclusion of geothermal in the FIT program was indicated during the stakeholder consultations.

As mentioned on the OPA website, "Geothermal resources for electricity production are limited in the province but may be considered in a specialized procurement. Proponents interested in developing electricity production facilities using geothermal resources are encouraged to make a submission as to the feasibility of these projects in Ontario"

As you may be aware, a 2-year review of the FIT program will be happening this fall.

Best Regards,

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