

[PRESS RELEASE] Caught in the Cookie Jar Again - Facts Still Matter in Ontario

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A day doesn't go by without Patrick Brown doing a media interview and getting caught playing fast and loose with the facts. He just doesn't get that Facts Still Matter in Ontario.

He claimed: "[Hydro One] had to go to the province to get a rate increase."

Fact: Not true. The independent Ontario Energy Board decides if any rate increases are allowed. The Board works hard to keep rates as low as possible while ensuring the system can run properly and be financially viable. Utilities rarely get all they ask for, and sometimes the Board rejects the application outright.

Regardless of the outcome of this application process, electricity bills for residential consumers and as many as half a million small businesses and farms will be reduced by 25% on average, starting July 1st.

(Source: <https://www.oeb.ca/newsroom/2017/electricity-prices-are-dropping-again-july-1>)

He claimed: "One on the old contracts, they've kept those contracts secret"

Fact: The contracts are already public on the IESO's website. Here is the link.

(Source: <http://www.ieso.ca/sector-participants/feed-in-tariff-program/fit-5-documents-and-resources>)

He claimed: "1100 new [contracts] were proceeded with in the spring"

Fact: Todd Smith, Patrick Brown's very own PC energy critic, was on the Agenda with Steve Paikin on March 6th, 2017, he admitted this was entirely inaccurate.

Here's the exchange:

Steve Paikin: "But they're not signing any new contracts. So the tweet says she signs the next round of bad energy contracts tomorrow is inaccurate, right?"

Todd Smith: "Yeah, Okay. I'll say that's inaccurate."

Seems like Todd and Patrick need to get their stories straight.

(Source: <http://tvo.org/video/programs/the-agenda-with-steve-paikin/wynnes-power-play>, <http://www.ieso.ca/sector-participants/feed-in-tariff-program/overview>)

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