TRANSCRIPT – Peter Tabuns scrum post LTEP announcement – October 26, 2017

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Media: Benzie, CBC French, TFO

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Tabuns:
- -- I wouldn't give this government any credit for this plan
- They're going to continue with their privatization
- That's see how they see this going forward
- And we know the impact that has on our bill

*Benzie: Pe-Peter you guys still hell-bent on cancelling nuks, I mean it's 53% of the generation **crosstalk** that's still a policy?*

Tabuns
- What we – what we've said is we would review all of those nuclear plans
- All those nuclear contracts to see whether or not the fact, they make financial sense
- Because as you're well aware, Darlington, the price of electricity is going to go about six cents to 16 cents kilowatt hour
- That's a big chunk of that increase that you see in the *inaudible*

Benzie: So –

Tabuns
- We will review the whole thing

*Benzie: So where do you get the electricity then, if you don't have **inaudible** of the generation*

Tabuns
- Well –

*Benzie: Or if they may presume you wouldn't shut down all the **inaudible** the day after you win the election, but –*

Tabuns
- No, we wouldn't shut down the electricity gas the day after the election

Laughter

Tabuns
- I should never repeat such questions

- but –

Laughter

Tabuns

- no we would continue to run the electricity system
- but we would go from the bottom up assessing what's excess
- what's cost affected
- because we know people need to have affordable electricity
- we would stop the privatization
- we would phase out their Fair Hydro Plan
- so called Fair Hydro Plan
- because in fact we're going to get stuck with a big debt and big price increase

Media: Do people have to pay a little bit more for the electricity, I mean it's artificially low, 25% rebate –

Tabuns

- It is artificially low now
- We would bring forward the plan that we put forward to dealing with electricity prices
- To paying electricity costs, but in the end, unless you start going at this – the whole structure of the system, you're not going to be able to make electricity affordable, if you don't deal with privatization, you're not going to be able to make the price affordable

Media: Long term is steady is as she goes the right way to look at things?

Tabuns

- No I think that's **inaudible** problematic
- The world is changing around us very rapidly
- People are starting to leave the electricity system out
- You're well aware of that
- I think that this is – is a very rosy picture of what's to come
- I think it's going to be a lot more turbulent and I think when they say prices are going to go up to close to $200 bucks a month I think they're being wildly political
- I think it's going to be much tougher than that given what they're proposing to do

*Media: *French**
Tabuns:

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Tabuns:

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Smith-Cross: I'm sorry I couldn't be in two places

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