

RE: FSMIO

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Yup!

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Couple edits in the below. Also, can we send it to Gurney and Dwivedi too?

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Hi there- please see a draft below that Jordan worked up.

Good Afternoon,

Patrick Brown was on the radio this morning making false statements about our plan to reduce electricity bills by 25%. As someone with no plan to reduce bills he should know that Facts Still Matter in Ontario.

He claimed: *"this would be \$141 more the people are going to pay a year"*

Fact: Not true. Regardless of the outcome of the OEB's independent process, Hydro One customers will not see an increase to their bills. We've been clear that Ontarians will see a significant decrease in their overall bills this summer through Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan. We've also been clear that the OEB does not approve all applications, and the Fair Hydro Plan will hold any increases to the rate of inflation for four years.
(Source: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/ontarios-fair-hydro-plan>)

He claimed: *"the day after, the day after the Fair Hydro Plan, they signed 1100 more[energy contracts]"*

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>)

He claimed: *"her response to me was that's what they pay in corporate America"*

Fact: Not once has the Premier ever said this. However, Patrick Brown has said it three times. On Oct 25th 2016, Nov 23rd, 2015 and Nov 17th, 2015. Feel free to check hansard.
(Source: <http://hansardindex.ontla.on.ca/hansarde.asp>)

He claimed: *"The relief plan is a hoax...no relief for business"*

Fact: Wrong. We expanded the Industrial Conservation Initiative to make even more companies eligible for savings up to 1/3 off their bills. The Northern Industrial Electricity Rate Program provides an approx. 25% decrease for eligible large northern industrials. The Industrial Electricity Incentive program provides further support. And we're eliminating the Debt Retirement Charge for commercial, industrial and all other electricity users next spring. On top of this, 500,000 small businesses and farms will also benefit from our new Fair Hydro Plan.

(Source: <http://www.energy.gov.on.ca/en/incentives-program-for-business/>,
<http://www.mndm.gov.on.ca/en/northern-development/business-support/northern-industrial-electricity-rate-program>)

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MPP: Patrick Brown

Media: Matt Gurney and Supriya Dwivedi

[START TRANSCRIPT]

Gurney: Is it fair to say that you are not entirely buying that they are as committed to this as they say they are?

Brown:

- **Absolutely not**
- **I think we've seen before and we've- we're now seeing again that their pitches ring hollow**
- **In terms of their relief plan it actually is going to mean hydro rates skyrocket to record levels after the election**
- **Their own cabinet documents says that**
- **The Financial Accountability Officer says that**
- **They are going to borrow \$93B to get \$21B back**
- **It is offensive, it is ridiculous, and every Ontarian is going to pay much more because they refuse to address the structural challenges in hydro**

Dwivedi: So Patrick tell us about the website that you and the PCs have set up, <http://www.stoptheratehike.ca/>?

Brown:

- Yeah we just – we just set this up because I get so frustrated that just after they promised us there was going to be relief, we find out that hydro one is going to raise the rates again
- I mean here we are, 14 years in with this government, rates have already gone up 400%
- We finally thought we were going to get some relief and it's going up again
- And so we set this website up to help voice our displeasure
- To make it very clear that this latest hike is intolerable
- And frankly, the Premier should do the right thing, the Premier should say no
- It is her choice to say no
- And if I was Premier for starters there's a number of things I'd be telling hydro one to do before- before they ask for such a hike
- But one of the first things I'd say the Premier should say is they need to clean up their excessive executive compensation
- You know we pay hydro salaries that are way out of whack with the rest of the country
- Hydro One CEO here gets \$4.5M a year
- In Quebec, it's \$400,000
- In BC, it's \$400,000
- Why are we paying people 10 times the amount to work for hydro under Kathleen Wynne's leadership
- You know I asked the Premier about this in the legislature
- And her response to me was that's what they pay in corporate America
- Give me a break!
- That's not what we pay in Canada
- And these salaries, everyone in Ontario's paying for
- And the hydro bills, we can't afford it

Gurney: Well you know- if you become Premier Patrick I'll let you know now, I'll do it for half. I'm just going to put that out there. I mean that's an immediate cost savings for the Ontario taxpayers

Dwivedi: and I'll do it too. Whatever 70% that works out to for Matt

Brown

- Only \$3-million, you're so kind

Gurney: Yeah see Supriya is immediately undercutting me. There's no co-host solidarity here. She's driving me down. Patrick – I mean – speaking a little more seriously here though – I mean – what would the actual impact of this be on consumers bill here. Because the Liberals are coming and telling us we're going to drive your cost down. And they're throwing around a number, 17% in reductions on the actual cost, minus the HST etc etc. What will actually mean when the – we have the Ontario Energy Board talking about actually raising rates again. Would it be enough to erase the gains that we've made here? I'll put that in their quotes for you. But – or would it actually going to be a break even. How would that work out?

Brown

- Well this would be \$141 more the people are going to pay a year
- In terms of the relief plan, let me be very clear
- The relief plan is a hoax

- It gives relief – it gives a little bit of relief to some, just before the election
- No relief for business
- There's no relief for hospital, like you mentioned in the preamble
- It is relief for some before the election
- And after the election, rates are going to go up by as much as 61%
- So this is just a pre-election charades
- And as always with Hydro – look at Kathleen Wynne's record
- Anytime they bring something in
- Whether it's Green Energy Act
- Whether it's the fire sale of Hydro One
- Every single time they do, it ends up hurting rate payers
- And so this unfair hydro plan that they introduced in the Spring
- Everyone in Ontario is going to pay higher hydro bills because of it

Dwivedi: So Patrick we're about little less than a year out from the election. Let's say your party wins, you become Premier. What is the Patrick Brown Hydro plan going forward?

Brown:

- So the first thing I'm going to fix—and, and, this is a big mess, mess to fix—is the over-generation
- So what I mean by that is the most recent stats are—in 2015, we produced 144 terawatt hours of energy, but we only used 137
- That's excluding every single wind and solar production in the province
- And so we have to give all this excess energy away to Michigan, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and New York
- To make matters worse, we actually spill much of our own water power
- In 2015, we spilled 4.8 terawatt hours of, of water power, of energy
- So whether it's Merrickville, Manitou, Niagara Falls—we pay for, we pay for water power, but we pay to spill it
- So we're, we're wasting our own water power
- And so what I want to do is I want to take on some of these big, ugly contracts that Kathleen Wynne has signed
- I also want to stop signing new ones
- You know, the day after, the day after the Fair Hydro Plan, they signed 1100 more
- You know, there are the 30 mega-, giant contracts they've signed—we don't even have copies of them
- And so, it, it—the only one we have, we have one copy of one, and there was an exit clause
- And so I want to look at every legal route we have to get rid of this excess generation, because right now all this excess generation—they hide it in your hydro bills under something called a 'global adjustment'
- On your commercial you'll see—and, and it's about half the bill—imagine that, half your bill
- And then in residential they blend it in so you can't see it
- But much of this, much of this ugliness is because of these bad contracts
- It's also because of other things like the gas plants scandal—I can't get that money back, that's gone, that billion dollars they blew and wasted
- But on these bad contracts, on this over-generation, I'm going to get right down to that and I'm going to make sure we fix this mess because Ontarians can't afford it

Gurney: Patrick, we're, we're down to seconds here—but one last question for you here. Can we actually get into these contracts? It's been suggested in many cases we just have to eat them.

Brown:

- Well, I, I, I, I don't, I don't believe that
- One of the reasons that I think Kathleen Wynne is hiding them is, is she, she knows that there are exit clauses like there was in the Samsung deal
- Listen, these mega-deals, these, these companies donated 1.3 million dollars to Kathleen Wynne and the Liberal Party
- I know why they don't want to look at them, because they're protecting their friends
- I have no interest in protecting their friends—I'm going to clean up this mess for Ontario

Dwivedi: Patrick, thank you so much for joining us. And one last time, that website is <http://www.stopthegratehike.ca/>.

Brown:

- Absolutely

Dwivedi: thanks so much.

[END TRANSCRIPT]