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Response to Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan

From: Killorn, Bill (OPO)
Sent: March-03-17 2:36 PM
To: Forgione, Andrew (OPO); Bevan, Andrew (OPO); MacKenzie, Rebecca (OPO)
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On Andrew's point let's change the title.

From: Forgione, Andrew (OPO)
Sent: Friday, March 3, 2017 2:34 PM
To: Bevan, Andrew (OPO); MacKenzie, Rebecca (OPO); Killorn, Bill (OPO)
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Absolutely

From: Bevan, Andrew (OPO)
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We need to remember our strategic imperatives with everything we put out there pls

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Hi – here are some of the best quotes we have from experts and media so far. We could send this out today from Energy to gallery and another next week after weekend reaction

Experts Agree with Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan

“This shows Kathleen Wynne’s government is listening to people. With these positive changes, our rural community will now truly benefit from the low cost power it produces...”

- **Francesca Dobbyn, Executive Director, United Way of Bruce-Grey, March 2nd, 2017**

“These measures, together with the current low-income rate mitigation programs will make a substantial difference in the lives of vulnerable Ontarians.”

- **Theresa McClenaghan, Executive Director of the Canadian Environmental Law Association and member of the Low-Income Energy Network steering committee, March 2nd, 2017**

“The elimination of the delivery charge will assist our citizens by reducing energy poverty in our communities. It also represents recognition for the use of the land in the development and expansion of the provincial energy grid. Today’s commitment by the Ontario government is commendable and allows a path forward for greater quality of life for First Nations in Ontario.”

- **Isadore Day, Ontario Regional Chief, March 2nd, 2017**

“ Each one of our community members will benefit from *Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan*. This is a step towards reconciliation and recognition of our inherent rights as Treaty Holders. I am grateful that Premier Wynne and Minister Thibeault listened to our concerns and took action.”

- **Ava Hill, Grand River Chief, March 2nd, 2017**

“We acknowledge Premier Wynne and her cabinet for such a bold and humane decision. This demonstrates that the Wynne government is dedicated to reconciliation through meaningful action.”

- **Gord Peters, Grand Chief, Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians, March 2nd, 2017**

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The best way to reduce energy bills is to help people reduce their energy use. We applaud the \$200 million Affordability Fund to help lower-income households participate in conservation savings programs. This program will help people who can't finance home energy retrofits on their own do just that. With 18,000MW of renewable power online or contracted, Ontario is a green energy leader. And by closing Ontario's coal plants, this province reduced emissions from the electricity sector by 80 per cent. The province should be congratulated for that.

- **Keith Brooks, Program Director, Environmental Defence, March 2nd, 2017**

"The Ontario Energy Association (OEA) commends the Government of Ontario's new policy to enhance the Ontario Energy Support Program (OESP) program. The OESP program is an income-tested application based program that provides electricity bill reductions for Ontario's lowest income and most vulnerable households. The increase in the level of assistance, the increase in the income thresholds to allow more households to qualify, and moving the burden of this social cost from electricity ratepayers to the income tax base are all welcome changes."

- **Ontario Energy Association, March 3rd, 2017**

"I applaud the Wynne Liberal government for the 25% reduction in hydro bills for Ontarians, including the 14,700 members of IUOE local 793 and their families. Every investment in hydro generation and transmission whether it be nuclear, or renewable energy has strengthened the economy of Ontario by creating thousands of jobs. By eliminating coal and transitioning to renewable we have improved our air quality and addressed global warming ahead of most developed countries. The government has our support in both addressing the affordability and at the same time not sacrificing the obvious need to invest in energy generation and transmission."

- **Mike Gallagher, International Union of Operating Engineers Local 793, March 2nd, 2017**

"The thousands of hard working Ontario families represented by the Labourers' International Union of North America support this plan because it brings needed relief to ratepayers and will ensure our energy infrastructure remains capable of meeting current and future demand."

- **Joseph Mancinelli . International Vice President & Regional Manager, Laborers' International Union of North America , March 2nd, 2017**