

RE: URGENT: Need direction on fact-check change to tomorrow's energy NR

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Attachments: Backgounder - ICI Expansion.docx (53.89 kB)

Please note that barring any flags from this group, the NR will also link to the attached ICI Backgounder from Energy.

From: Hanna, Susan (OPO)
Sent: September-14-16 5:27 PM
To: MacKenzie, Rebecca (OPO); Bevan, Andrew (OPO); McEachern, Gillian (OPO); Bardeesy, Karim (OPO); Mksyartinian, Jacob (OPO); Bossin, Bryan (OPO)
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Okay, this is where I worked it in:

About five million consumers across Ontario would further benefit from the legislation and additional measures, as they would provide a **permanent** on-bill rebate for eight per cent, equal to the provincial portion of the HST, resulting in average savings of about \$130 annually or \$11 each month. Rural consumers would receive an additional benefit from decreasing rural delivery charges. Combined with the eight per cent rebate, this would mean average savings of \$540 a year or \$45 each month for eligible rural customers.

Good to go?

From: MacKenzie, Rebecca (OPO)
Sent: September-14-16 5:23 PM
To: Hanna, Susan (OPO); Bevan, Andrew (OPO); McEachern, Gillian (OPO); Bardeesy, Karim (OPO); Mksyartinian, Jacob (OPO); Bossin, Bryan (OPO)
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I'm comfortable with that

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From: Hanna, Susan (OPO)

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I assume that was about the rebate only, if it is the same as what the Minister said. So should we take it out of the quote and say in the body of the NR that the rebate is permanent?

From: MacKenzie, Rebecca (OPO)

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Yes. And so did the Premier.

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I see that Minister Thibeault used the word "permanent" in his avail today – does that mean we are good to go?

From: Hanna, Susan (OPO)
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Importance: High

As you will see in the attached release, Energy's legal department has struck out "permanent" in the Premier's quote where she says "...it is why we are providing the permanent electricity cost relief Ontario's families and businesses need." The fact check say Energy's legal department has advised against the use of the word 'permanent' and recommends against using it publicly. Then Energy's Strategic, Network and Agency Policy Division made a comment that "there is no provision in the Bill to end or modify the program. Any amendments would need to be made by the Legislature. Comms must consider if that is enough to make use of the word permanent"

Gillian suggests we could take the word permanent out of the quote and add a line to the body of the NR along the lines of "The proposed measures are ongoing."

We need to deliver to the Premier asap – can you please let us know how to proceed?

Thanks

Sue

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