

URGENT FOR REVIEW: New line for speech on rate mitigation.

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Here is what I have drafted, in red below, and where I suggest it be inserted...please advise asap if this is okay...tx, sue

Since the last Speech from the Throne, your government has been dedicated to reducing electricity costs wherever possible, while maintaining world-leading reliability for all consumers.

It renegotiated the Green Energy Investment Agreement, reducing contract costs by \$3.7 billion.

Extending the operation of the Pickering nuclear generating stations is expected to save customers as much as \$600 million.

The introduction of competitive procurement, as well as annual renewable energy price reviews, have removed a further \$4.2 billion in costs as compared to previous forecasts.

Your government has removed the Debt Retirement Charge from electricity bills, made electricity more affordable for low-income families through the Ontario Electricity Support Program, and is investing \$100 million to help homeowners with energy-saving home retrofits.

Despite these efforts, you have continued to face electricity cost increases above the level of inflation.

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