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As announced on March 2, 2017, Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan would lower electricity bills by 25% on average for eligible residential customers across the province, and would also benefit those living in rural communities and those with low incomes. This proposed 25% rate relief measure would be inclusive of the 8% rebate that is already in effect under the Ontario Rebate for Electricity Consumers Act, 2016.

In order to raise awareness and communicate information about programs and services that would be rolled out as part of Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan, Ontarians need to be informed of changes to their electricity bills so that they can use this information to plan for the future as they manage their household budgets.

As with any legislative initiative, we must take care to respect the role of the Legislature in legislative matters and not take actions that could be seen to suggest the Legislature's role is irrelevant, tangential or *pro forma*. Accordingly, those participants who are working with us to implement Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan programs and services are asked to be mindful, in their communications with their customers, not to include unqualified statements that could have the effect of predicting or presuming that legislation related to Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan will pass and become law.

We must all recognize that the importance of informing Ontarians of the Government's proposed Ontario Fair Hydro Plan is equally as important as ensuring that the message gets delivered in a manner which respects the Legislature's ultimate authority to approve the legislation.

Thank you for your attention to this issue.

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