

FW: RRRP expansion LDC letters

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Hi Craig,
We made edits to the letter. See attached.
Keley

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Sent: March 2, 2017 7:00 PM
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Hi Keley,

I've done up a draft of a letter for the Minister to send to the new LDCs that will be included in the RRRP. Would correspondence/policy be able to review/edit and bring forward a draft for signature by early next week?

Many thanks,
Craig
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LETTER TO NORTHERN LDC CEOs

Dear ,

This morning, the government announced Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan that would lower electricity bills by 25 percent on average for all residential consumers in the province. I want to provide you with information on additional action we are taking to help more families with their delivery charges, including customers of INSERT LDC NAME.

Currently, Hydro One R2 and Algoma Power residential customers benefit from the Rural or Remote Rate Protection (RRRP) program. The RRRP program subsidizes the distribution costs for these LDCs, in recognition that those charges are significantly higher than the provincial average. About 350,000 customers currently benefit from the RRRP.

Our government will expand the RRRP to provide distribution charge relief to additional customers served by LDCs with the highest rates. About 800,000 customers would benefit from the enhanced RRRP program. LDCs benefitting from the expanded RRRP include: Hydro One R2 and R1 customers, Northern Ontario Wires, Lakeland Parry Sound, Chapleau, Sioux Lookout, InnPower, Atikokan and Algoma. The benefits would differ from LDC to LDC. Credit amounts would be set using the lowest cost distribution LDC from the group, as set by the Ontario Energy Board (OEB). The government will move to fund this program through the tax base, reducing regulatory charges without affecting LDCs' regular proceedings

with the OEB.

I trust you receive this as good news for your customers, and will assist me in sharing the message about this benefit which will be in addition to the 25% off their hydro bill.

With thanks,

Glenn Thibeault
Minister

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