

Fw: Media Statement to follow RPP announcement.

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To: Teliszewsky, Andrew (ENERGY); Calwell, Carolyn (ENERGY/MEDEI/MRI); Imbrogno, Serge (ENERGY)

Subject: Re: Media Statement to follow RPP announcement.

Here it is:

Statement from the Minister of Energy on
the Ontario Energy Board's New Regulated Price Plan (RPP) Electricity Rate Announcement

Today, Glenn Thibeault, Ontario's Minister
of Energy, issued the following statement:

We welcome the Ontario Energy Board's (OEB's) decision to reduce electricity rates starting May 1, 2017 by an average of 17 per cent across the province for all residential households and as many as half a million small businesses and farms.

The OEB's decision to include a portion of the estimated reductions from the Fair Hydro Plan, in keeping with its standard practice, means Ontarians will see real savings sooner than expected. This is an important first step to deliver on our government's commitment to lower rates by a total of 25 per cent on average by this summer with rates also held to inflation for the next four years. The Plan will bring the largest rate cut in Ontario history.

Today's OEB Retail Price Plan (RPP) announcement includes the 8 per cent reduction announced in January, shifting the Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP) to the tax base and a portion of the electricity rate reductions Ontarians will see through our Fair Hydro Plan.

Our government intends to introduce legislation that would, if passed, provide real relief for Ontarians and greater fairness in our electricity system this summer. Upon Royal Assent of our government's intended legislation, the OEB would be required to lower rates again this summer to fulfill our pledge to cut electricity bills by 25 per cent on average and reduce rates for families in rural or remote areas of the province up to 40 to 50 per cent.

On March 2, Premier Wynne committed to providing significant and real relief on electricity bills for Ontarians, and our government will be delivering on this pledge this summer.

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From: Teliszewsky, Andrew (ENERGY)

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Good Evening:

MO has crafted a short statement to be issued Thursday afternoon, attributed to Minister Thibeault once the OEB information is live.

I've done my best "LSB impression" to include appropriate "that would, if passed" "intended legislation" but would like Carolyn's eyes on it, please.

For greater clarity, content and tone are not really subject of debate. Looking to ensure factual clearance and legal appropriateness.

James to share.

Thank you.

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