

Hansard: McDonell to Premier (Duguid) -- Hydro Affordability

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>> **MPP McDonell:** Thank you, **Speaker**. To the **Premier**. Last Friday I heard the Minister of energy on cfr and he could not have sounded more smug promoting the new power deal with Québec as a great savings for ratepayers. He slipped up and quoted a 10 cent saving and the host was relentless. Was it 10 cents per day, per hour, per kilowatt or per House hold? But the Minister's masterful dipping and diving finally ran the clock out with no answer. The **Premier** could have - would have scored a perfect 10. So on Monday she seemed unaware of the questions about the Québec deal were being asked. Will the **Premier** tell us today if she is aware of the sheer magnitude of Ontarians' electricity bills or does she believe that 10 cents a month should be called relief or just another slap in the face?

>> **Premier Wynne:** Mr. Speaker, I know the Minister of economic development and growth is going to want to comment in the supplementary but, Mr. Speaker, you know it seems to me that for some time there have been call from the opposition members in this House from both opposition parties that we should be doing more. We should be doing more to find agreements with Québec, Mr. Speaker, that Ontario and Québec should be working together to get that clean power, Mr. Speaker, at a good price for the people of Ontario. That's exactly what we've done, Mr. Speaker. This is a landmark seven-year deal. It will help make electricity in Ontario more affordable. It's clean and reliable, Mr. Speaker. It's 2 terawatts of power and that's enough power to power the city of Kitchener for a year, Mr. Speaker. The agreement will reduce electricity system costs for consumers by \$70 million, Mr. Speaker. \$10 million. For seven years, Mr. Speaker. It's a good deal for Ontario. It's a good deal for Québec. It was' a good deal for the country, Mr. Speaker.

>> **MPP McDonell:** Speaker, back to the **Premier**. The **Premier** thinks that \$37 billion Ontarians overpaid for electricity was worth it. The additional \$133 billion they'll overpay by 2030 is worth t.so let me tell her about my constituent Mary. She's been battling cancer for four years. The billing problem results in a \$15,000 hydro bill. Her family's not eligible for social help. She can't afford any more bills. She can't afford her food or even a phone for her to keep in touch with her doctor. The family is now at the end of their rope. Speaker, with electricity rates that have quadrupled over the last 13 years, they simply are too high. Could the **Premier** explain, in light her spin with the Québec deal, what she would tell Mary about handling measly dime?

>> **Min. Duguid:** Mr. Speaker, the **Premier** -- the Minister of energy, all of us have been very clear on this side of the House that we care about those residents that are struggling with their energy bills. That's why, Mr. Speaker, we're reducing their bills by 8%, something that the members

opposite submit that. That's why we're reducing the bills of those in remote and rural areas. Something the members opposite think isn't substantial enough. \$70 million savings to the system with regard to the Ontario Québec system, it's \$70 million that residents don't have to pay. You sniff at that. We've suspected the second round of large renewable procurement process. You criticized us for doing that. That's \$3.8 billion in savings. Reducing the feed-in tariff prices. That saved \$1.9 billion. Again the members opposite said that's not good enough. We removed the debt retirement -- retirement charge. I have a list of a dozen items, Mr. Speaker. Each and every one of them they opposed. Each and every one of them we make is making a substantial difference to the lives of Ontarians.

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