

Hansard: Yurek (Bailey) to Thibeault -- Hydro 25% Reduction Plan

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>> MPP Yurek: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of energy. Speaker, I received a copy of a bill from one of my constituents this past week who paid 295 dollars for electricity. The high global adjustment fee is directly related to their green energy policy which is bankrupting Ontarians. The government today is forcing the municipality to accept wind farms even though 84% of the population voted against it. It will add to the global adjustment fees. The Minister has made a mistake. He's announced it previously. Will he announce another mistake today and cancel the wind turbine farm.

>> Minister Thibeault: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again, very pleased to stand and rise and talk about, Mr. Speaker, green energy and the importance of green energy and making sure we have clean air to breathe. We haven't had a smog day since 2014 thanks to the investment this government has made in green energy. I've talked a lot about the 25% reduction when talking about resident families. But let's talk about the 25% reduction for mom and pop shops. They're part of the retail price plan. They're also going to see this reduction when it comes to the global adjustment. We're helping many of our small businesses across the province. On top of that, Mr. Speaker, the one thing the opposition hasn't talked about is the importance and the successful ici program. We're making that even bigger, even greater by lowering that threshold to 500 kilowatts, having thousands of more businesses qualify to save a third on their bill.

>> MPP Bailey: My question is to the Minister of energy. Minister, Liz in my riding has been pushed to the brink. She's been pushed to the brink by the hydro prices. She's 83 years old. She lives alone. The only home she's known host of her life. No TV. No computer. She keeps the temperature below 16 degrees celsius. She sees bills between 500 and 600 dollars. She has emptied her savings to pay her bills. She still finds herself hundreds in arrears. Minister, what do you have to say to her today? How is it acceptable to treat seniors like this in Ontario?

>> Minister Thibeault: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I hope the Honourable member tells this fine woman that her bills are going down 25% at a minimum. It's going to be going down because he mentioned she lives in a rural area. Depending on whether she's an r1 or 2 -- She would qualify for the oesp program that's enhanced. It's not just us talking about the significant reductions we've announced

today. Let me quote, Mr. Speaker. The executive director of the United Way of Bruce Grey. This shows the **Premier's** government is listening to people. With these positive changes, our real community will truly benefit from the low cost power it produces. I agree with her. So will everyone in the province.

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