

ENERGY media calls

From: "Nekolaichuk, Colin (ENERGY)" <colin.nekolaichuk@ontario.ca>
To: "@OPO-Media Relations and Issues Management" <opo-mediarelationsandissuesmgmt@msgov.gov.on.ca>
Cc: "Berry, James (ENERGY)" <james.berry5@ontario.ca>
Date: Fri, 09 Jun 2017 17:16:21 -0400

Hi all,

Wanted to flag that the PCs have launched a website called STOP THE RATE HIKE, asking people to sign a petition demanding that the Premier halt Hydro One's rate application:

http://www.stoptheratehike.ca/?recruiter_id=8844

They've been promoting this on social media today. In related news, the OEB has a plan to explain the rate application and how it fits within the Fair Hydro Plan in local markets ahead of meetings. They'll be sharing details next week.

No MO media today, but below are agency calls. Let us know if you have any questions.

Cheers,
Colin

Agencies: 3 inquiries

Agency: OEB

Topic : Dryden Community Day (re: Hydro One)

Reporter & Outlet : Mike Aiken, Q104/Kenora Online

Response Type : OEB spokesperson

Reporter's Questions:

1. What can people expect from the OEB's Community Meeting in Dryden?
2. Why did the OEB select Dryden?
3. Give me a general sense of what will take place and why local residents might want to get involved.

Response:

TBC

Agency: IESO

Topic : FIT 2 contracts with the Toronto District School Board

Reporter & Outlet : Karen Howlett, Globe and Mail

Response Type : IESO spokesperson

Reporter's Questions:

Karen indicated she is writing about public entities undertaking large projects outside of their core business. Michael provided background on the FIT Program, including how the application process works and how proponents are awarded a contract.

She also asked for some background on the portfolio of projects in question.

Response:

Michael confirmed that these projects were procured under FIT 2 and that 301 (of 311) projects have reached commercial operation. He also said that the proponent was successful in bringing these projects to commercial operation because it fulfilled the requirements of the program and the obligations under its contracts.

She also asked about the status of the remaining 10 projects were. Michael replied that we are not able to provide specifics about what happened to any other contracts because that information is confidential but there are a number of reasons why a contract may no longer be active. He referred Karen to the TDSB for more information.

Karen also asked what the current status of these projects are. Michael replied that the contracts have undergone a change in control since reaching commercial operation but that we are not able to provide details because of confidentiality. He referred Karen to TDSB for more information on this as well.

We committed to sending Karen a list of the 301 active contracts, the FIT program rules, as well as the price schedule applicable to when these contracts were awarded.

Agency: IESO

Topic : Impact of windy weather

Reporter & Outlet : Paul Pedro, Blackburn Radio News (Chatham)

Response Type : IESO spokesperson

Reporter's Questions:

Chuck Farmer was interviewed for a taped-to-air segment about the impact that the

recent windy weather in the Chatham-Kent area is having on the production of wind power.

Paul asked Chuck how much wind output we've had this spring versus last spring and if the extra wind output results in a benefit to the system and ratepayers.

Response:

- We don't have final figures for May and June 2017 yet but in March and April, wind output was 1884 GWh. For those same two months in 2016, wind output was 1262 GWh, which represents approximately five percent of Ontario's total energy output for those months.
- While wind output is variable, these generators are highly flexible and can change output very quickly in response to system signals.
- The IESO is able to instruct transmission-connected solar and wind facilities to decrease or increase their output in response to system conditions.
- Dispatching wind generation facilities in Ontario helps support ramping and balancing on the system.
- A clean, reliable energy system relies on a balance of resources, including renewable energy resources like wind power, which is an important part of Ontario's energy mix.
- Renewable generation provides an emissions-free source of electricity and helps to burn less fossil-fuel based sources like natural gas.

Minister's Office: 0 inquiries

Ministry: 0 inquiries

Colin Nikolaichuk | Press Secretary
Office of the Hon. Glenn Thibeault | Minister of Energy
T: 416-325-2690 C: 647-504-4928
colin.nekolaichuk@ontario.ca