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Hi all,

We sent the Minister's statement below to the Canadian Press (Jeffords), Toronto Sun (Artuso) and National Observer, in response to Doug Ford's announcement this morning. Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks!

It's up to Doug Ford to try to explain exactly how his policy would work. We've already seen the chaos created by a man in the White House who's governing by firing people all the time. Ford's gimmick will drag us down into the same mess and won't actually do anything to reduce hydro bills either.

Compare Ford's chaotic scheme to our Fair Hydro Plan, which has lowered bills by 25 per cent on average for families and as many as half a million small businesses and farms. Low-income families and those in eligible rural and remote areas are seeing decreases as high as 40 to 50 per cent as well. Thanks to our plan, Ontario families and small businesses are now paying less on average here than in many other similar jurisdictions. Moving forward, our Long-Term Energy Plan lays out a path for predictable, affordable electricity prices with no sudden jumps too. That's real relief Ontario families can depend on and it's all part of our plan to invest in care and create more opportunity for everyone.

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