

Energy Issues - November 17, 2017

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Good morning,

Please find below this morning's issues for Energy. Apologies about the call--didn't realize I was muted.

1) Hydro One CEO Mayo Schmidt mentioned rate increases in his speech (picked up in the media)

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- Our government Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan has lowered electricity bills by 25 per cent on average for residential consumers, and up to 500,000 small businesses and farms.
- In fact, Hydro One's rural customers will be seeing even greater reductions of 40-50% from our Fair Hydro Plan.
- Additionally, the Fair Hydro Plan will hold increases to the rate of inflation for four years, no matter the outcome of rate applications before the OEB.
- The OEB's is an independent regulator who's mandate is to protect the interests of ratepayers and to set just and reasonable rates.
- The agency has a strong record of reviewing rate applications with the consumer in mind.
 - For example:
 - In 2010 Hydro One asked for a rate increase for distribution, received a 9% reduction for its capital request
 - In 2012 Hydro One asked for a rate increase for transmission, received a 3% reduction for its capital request
 - When Ontario Power Generation applied for a 6.2% rate increase in 2011, the OEB denied the request and lowered rates by 0.8%.
 - In 2011 Toronto Hydro made a distribution request to the OEB and received 10.8% less than requested
 - In 2014 OPG asked for a rate increase and the OEB approved about half the requested amount
- The OEB's mandate is to protect the interests of ratepayers and to set just and reasonable rates, and it will continue to do so regardless of the ownership of Hydro One.

Thank you and have a great weekend,

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