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Good morning all,

Please find Energy's issues for the day:

1) PCs introduce their Hydro Plan

Key Messages

- After months of denouncing the Fair Hydro Plan, Doug Ford last week announced his intention to embrace the plan as the foundation of his own electricity pricing plan.
- Ford endorsed our plan by retaining all aspects of the Fair Hydro Plan, which reduces electricity rates by 25% on average for Ontario families and businesses – and up to 40% - 50% in remote and rural areas.
- Unfortunately, it's everything else that Doug Ford has proposed that fails to pass the smell test.
- Doug Ford's plans don't add up to anything but empty promises that will eventually dig their way into people's pockets.
- First, his cornerstone commitment to abandon all new contracted electricity procurement projects fails to mention that there are no new contracted electricity procurement projects.
- As a consequence, there can't be savings to pass onto customers.
- Worse than that, by bragging loud and large that he'll tear up committed capacity contracts, he is inviting massive law suits that will surely be won, costing the provinces hundreds of millions of dollars that, in turn, will drive electricity bills back up.
- This undeniable fact has even been acknowledged by Ford's own caucus member and energy critic MPP Todd Smith who said this would "come at a huge cost to taxpayers and we're going to see electricity prices continue to rise."
- Unlike their half-baked scheme, Ontarians know we have a plan to increase fairness and create more opportunity.
- They know our Fair Hydro Plan actually lowers bills by 25% on average and then holds rates to inflation over the next four years.
- This is a real plan that makes the cost of electricity more fair for families.

2) Trillium Wind alleges deleted emails

Key Messages

- We can't comment specifically on the lawsuit from Trillium Power, as the matter is before the courts.
- With respect to record keeping, we are committed to being an open, accountable and a transparent

government.

- We have taken action to strengthen the laws related to record keeping and we have ensured that there are good policies in place for document retention and staff training.
- We have worked closely with the Information and Privacy commissioner and the Chief Privacy Officer and Archivist of Ontario to ensure our policies are appropriate.
- The decision to place a moratorium on offshore wind is one our government still believes is correct.
- Ontario continues to take a cautious approach to offshore wind, which includes finalizing research to make sure that we are protective of both human health and the environment.
- We will continue to prudently rely on available scientific research as well as the lessons learned in other jurisdictions on the development of offshore wind energy.

Have a great day,

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