

Energy | Peter Tabuns in the Media Studio tomorrow

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Good afternoon,

Please find messaging re: MPP Tabuns' avail in the media studio about "new information regarding hydro bills".

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- The NDP are trying to distract from the fact that they voted against families, small businesses and farms saving 25% on their hydro bills, and have no realistic plan of their own.
- Unlike them, our government has a responsibility to communicate information about programs that affect Ontarians' daily lives, which includes important changes to electricity bills.
- Utilities regularly inform their customers about important developments.
- For example, when the Ontario Energy Board updates **time-of-use rates**, or updates to programs like the **Ontario Electricity Support Program**.
- It has also been standard practice for the Province to require utilities to include additional on-bill messaging that's important to electricity consumers through regulation.
- This includes changes like the Debt Retirement Charge.
- An Order in Council is part of the process when passing regulations. We are simply following standard practice.
- We continue to hear from people in Ontario who want to understand the Fair Hydro Plan, and how it affects their monthly hydro bill.
- This is important information for both households and businesses, and we will continue to provide clear, helpful answers whenever possible.

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- **The NDP's hydro pamphlet is short on details but long on hollow promises.**
- **Many of their proposals rely on a vague, yet-to-be determined "expert panel" to be convened sometime in the future.**
- **And they're basing calculations on pie-in-the-sky negotiations with the federal**

government.

- **The reality is that these vague proposals don't make sense.**
- **Their biggest idea – buying more than \$9 billion worth of Hydro One shares – will not take one cent off electricity bills.**
- **All it does is send billions to the stock market – money that should be used for health care, education and infrastructure.**
- **The NDP's pamphlet also left out First Nations communities and doesn't mention low-income Ontarians until the last page.**
- **These are the groups that need help the most and the NDP are leaving them behind.**

Many thanks,

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