

FOR APPROVAL: RPP Statement - April 19

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Hi all,

The attached OEB NR about electricity rates staying the same is going out sometime after 4 PM. Energy has prepared a draft statement which Bryan and I have tweaked – please see below.

Looking for your approval by 4 and whether you're comfortable issuing this proactively once the OEB NR is out.

Thanks

Blane

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Hi Blane,

Please see below our proposed statement on the RPP changes coming May 1st—being announced this afternoon by the OEB.

Also adding the OEB's draft NR—the final should include a line about the jurisdictional rate comparison.

Thanks,

Kevin

Ontario families and small businesses are paying less today for electricity than last year thanks to our Fair Hydro Plan.

Today's announcement is proof this plan to lower bills and keep them low is working. The Ontario Energy Board's Regulated Price Plan update also means electricity rates will remain virtually unchanged for families, small businesses and farms across Ontario.

Our Fair Hydro Plan provides real and significant relief by reducing electricity bills by 25 per cent on average and holding any increases to the rate of inflation for four years. Low-income Ontarians and those living in eligible rural or remote communities are receiving even greater reductions, seeing as much as 40 to 50 per cent off of their bills. Our government is providing additional relief to First Nation communities by removing the delivery charge portion of residential electricity bills for

those living on-reserve.

The independent Ontario Energy Board continues to protect families and businesses by setting and keeping reasonable rates, while also ensuring proper investments are made to maintain long-term system reliability. Moving forward, our Long-Term Energy Plan lays out a path for predictable, affordable electricity prices with no sudden jumps as part of our plan to increase fairness and create more opportunity.

Both the Conservatives and NDP continue to have no real plan to reduce electricity costs for families. Doug Ford's chaotic scheme to fire the CEO of a publicly-traded company will do absolutely nothing to lower bills for the people of Ontario. On the other hand, the NDP have doubled down on their wrong-headed idea to spend billions on buying back Hydro One shares, showing they would choose ideology over the people of Ontario. Their platform also includes a commitment to get rid of the Fair Hydro Plan, effectively raising hydro bills by 25 per cent and removing protections for rural, low-income, and First Nation's customers.

Our government's plan is providing significant and real relief on hydro bills for people across Ontario, and today's announcement confirms that we are continuing to deliver on this promise.

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