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Snow: The estimate is it could save one-and-a-half-billion-dollars a year—quote from The Star —“ratepayers could soon see a positive impact on the Global Adjustment line of their monthly hydro bill”. So, it, you know, the idea is to get that Global Adjustment figure that is causing people so much financial grief down. What do you think about that?

Smith:

- Well, they're, they're not doing it
- They're, they're not able to do it
- And it's a shell game what they're doing, if they're shifting it to general taxes, taxes are going to go up to pay for, for what they're doing here
- It's not a solution to the problem
- It's, it's a Band-Aid to get them through the next election
- It's not actually addressing the problem
- So, you know, what we have seen are electricity prices going up far more than 17 percent per year
- We were just—Patrick Brown and I—were just up in Timmins and Sault Ste. Marie last week
- We were at a long, a long-term care home—a seniors home, a home for the aged, in Sault Ste. Marie—the electricity bill went up 39 percent last year
- So, you know, they're talking about reducing by 17 percent but they're not actually fixing the problem as to why electricity prices are soaring the way they are
- Hospitals in the Quinte region saw 34 percent increase in their electricity bill over, over 2 years
- So, so these are the kinds of increases that we're seeing, Rob, they're not tackling the issue and are, is this the kind of, is this the kind of government that we think is even capable of doing this?
- The Liberals took 1.3-million-dollars in political donations from these wind and solar companies
- You know, will they be able to renegotiate contracts with these companies?
- If they do, it's going to come at a huge cost to taxpayers and we're going to see electricity prices—continue to rise