

RE: Bill insert request from Sudbury.com

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Attachments: May 29, 2017 - New Notes - Fair Hydro Plan – NDP Would Reverse 25% Off.docx (20.87 kB)

Looks good though maybe we can incorporate some of the language from the attached? Perhaps at end of first paragraph: "Worse still, the NDP voted against an expanded OESP, etc."

From: Nekolaichuk, Colin (ENERGY)
Sent: May-29-17 3:12 PM
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Hi all,

We've gotten a request from Sudbury.com regarding the NDP release on FHP bill inserts:

I was hoping to get a response from the minister on the NDP release today regarding the fair hydro plan messaging being included in hydro bills?

Our Fair Hydro Plan Act, if passed, would provide an average of 25 per cent off bills for all residential households and as many as half a million small businesses and farms with any increases being held to the rate of inflation for four years. Through our proposed plan, low-income Ontarians and those living in eligible rural and Northern communities would see savings of up to 40 to 50 per cent. The NDP have not managed to come forward with a credible plan to reduce hydro rates, and so they're quick to distract in any way they can.

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 such as when the Ontario Energy Board updates time-of-use rates, the eight per cent rebate equivalent to the provincial portion of the HST, and updates to programs like the Ontario Electricity Support Program. We are simply following standard practice.

Let us know if you're comfortable here. Deadline is 5pm.

Thanks,
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