

RE: Budget bill

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Great, thanks Blane and Beckie.

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Hey – thx for this. Made some edits but otherwise good.

We intend to introduce legislation soon – before the end of this legislative session. Families and as many as half a million small businesses and farms won't have to wait for relief though as electricity rates are now lower starting today as part of the OEB's Regulated Price Plan rate update. These savings are an important first step towards delivering on our Fair Hydro Plan's 25 per cent on average reduction, which will be fully implemented by the summer.

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Understood. Here's a revision, for review:

We intend to introduce legislation soon – before the end of this legislative session. Today, electricity rates are being reduced as an important first step to deliver on our government's commitment, as part of the OEB's Regulated Price Plan rate update. This includes a portion of the Fair Hydro Plan's 25 per cent on average reduction, meaning all residential households and as many as half a million small businesses and farms will see real savings, starting May 1.

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Agree with Beckie.

Can we also make a subtle reminder to Allison that bills are down effective May 1st (today!)?

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Hey on the response I wouldn't want to say it will be in the GHLO weekly overview – we only include bills that are up for debate the next week (not all introductions), and since it is being introed on May 18 I wouldn't want to scoop the announcement by putting it out on May 12th.

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Hi Blane,

I shared our statement with Allison this morning and she had this follow-up:
When will it be introduced? I didn't see it in the weekly note Kyle from GHLO sends out...

Here's our suggested response:

We intend to introduce legislation soon – before the end of this legislative session. Fair Hydro Plan legislation introduction will be included in the Government House Leader's weekly update once a schedule is established.

I wanted to make sure PO/GHLO is comfortable with the response before sending.

Thanks,
Colin

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Yep

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Don't mind if PO is ok with this.

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I'm good with this.

Does anyone have a problem with this language?

Colin, if you're okay with it I think I'd rather connect you or MOF with Jones and have one of you send the reply. We don't typically weigh in on the substance of bills.

Thanks,

Kyle

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Hi Kyle,

Here's a statement that would work on our end, if it works for PO/Finance:

Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan is set to be the largest electricity rate reduction in the province's history, with an average 25 per cent reduction for all households and half a million small businesses and farms. Rates will also be held to inflation for the next four years. The OEB has already reflected 17 per cent of those reductions in its May 1 rate update.

We intend to introduce legislation this session that would, if passed, fully implement the Fair Hydro Plan by this summer, separate to any intended Budget legislation.

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I should add that I can reply, but I'll want to know if there is any specific language any of you want.

Thanks,

-Kyle

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Hello all,

Would any of you be able to take this from CP?

-Kyle

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Hi Kyle,

I can't quite tell, because of the not-so-simple language in the budget bill, but it looks to me like the rest of the Fair Housing Plan provisions are in there, but the Fair Hydro Plan is not... is that right?

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