

RE: CP - Smallbiz question

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Some tweaks coming shortly

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Hi all,

Allison Jones is writing a story on the small businesses that fall in the gap between the 25% and ICI. We don't have definitive numbers on how many fall into this category, nor are they available. We'd like to send the following to Allison, before scrums if possible:

Small businesses on Time of Use billing will qualify for the 25 per cent average reduction to their electricity bills. That will include nearly half a million small businesses and farms.

Right now there are approximately 50,000 Class B consumers, which include industrial, commercial, municipal facilities, and other types of customers. All customers above 1MW peak demand will qualify for the expanded Industrial Conservation Initiative, and the Fair Hydro Plan cuts the threshold in half, to 500kW, for manufacturing and greenhouse facilities. The expansion of the program to 1MW meant that 1,000 new businesses qualified, and more will qualify under the expansion to 500kW. The Minister has recently visited a number of Ontario businesses, including Dynaplas in Scarborough, Plascoat in Brampton, and BWXT in Cambridge, all of which will now or already qualify.

All businesses, regardless of their size or consumption, will benefit from a 2 to 4 per cent reduction on their bills. Other programs such as Save On Energy can help businesses save on their electricity bills through energy audits and efficiency upgrades and strategies.

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