

RE: CTV request re. AG

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Thanks. We're briefing him now.

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From: Forgione, Andrew (OPO)
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Thx. This would be most important then:

- External accounting experts confirmed that 18 other jurisdictions in North America utilize similar accounting practices in the electricity system, offering strong legal and financial frameworks to guide Ontario's own proposal.
- Additionally, the Canadian Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB) does not provide specific guidance on this type of accounting, but it does allow for guidance to be followed from other frameworks.
- That's why accounting experts used U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) to guide our practice, and we are very confident in our approach.

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Let us know re: CTV – would be good to get him on. Below is the approved statement:

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Our government's Fair Hydro Plan, if passed, will deliver the largest electricity rate cut in Ontario history, reducing electricity bills by 25 per cent on average starting this summer.

It took time to work on our plan to ensure families and businesses receive immediate, sustained relief. Over the past several months, we worked carefully and thoughtfully with external and government legal and accounting firms, including KMPG, the Provincial Controller and other experts to ensure our proposed legislation would deliver the savings that we committed to, in the fairest way possible, and to ensure that accounting requirements have been met.

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accounting practices in the electricity system, offering strong legal and financial frameworks to guide Ontario's own proposal. Additionally, the Canadian Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB) does not provide specific guidance on this type of accounting, but it does allow for guidance to be followed from other frameworks. That's why accounting experts used U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) to guide our practice, and we are very confident in our approach.

Families in the province have asked for real and immediate relief on their electricity bills and that's why we are working to deliver the largest rate reduction in Ontario's history if the legislation passes.

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We're trying to see if we can get the Minister on for a clip at the CTV Sudbury studio. If that works, we can use the statement as talking points.

If we end up sending a statement, I would attach the KPMG report and add the following lines:

I've attached KPMG's accounting opinion, delivered to the Independent Electricity System Operator, which maintains that accounting treatments outlined in the Fair Hydro Act are within acceptable practices. Relevant conclusions can be seen on pages 10, 16, 19, and 23.

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Here's the first cut:

We have proposed legislation before the House that, if passed, would reduce electricity bills for all residential households and as many as half a million small businesses and farms by 25 per cent on average starting this summer. It would also hold any electricity rate increases for four years to the rate of inflation and deliver the largest electricity rate cut in Ontario history. In developing this legislation, we have worked extensively with the Provincial Controller's Office and external accounting firms, including KPMG. The external accounting firms provided expert advice to ensure accounting requirements have been met and that the proposed legislation would bring fairness to the electricity system now and for future generations. We are confident that concerns highlighted around these matters have been addressed.

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Which reporter?

They should get the same document that was walked around. Is it possible for Atel to chat with them on background?

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Rogers network.

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Hi all,

CTV News at 6 has requested a statement responding to the AG's comments on FHP accounting treatment. They will be running a story that includes her comments, as well as perspective from the opposition. We're taking a first stab at a draft that we'll run by you ASAP. CTV has requested it for 5pm.

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