

RE: Hydro One rate application statement

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Ok replace Patrick Brown with Fedeli for the nugget (or add in fedeli). I'm even fine with you sending the vote (attached). Need to go hard on these guys voting against 25% off but asking to reign in salaries – ridiculous.

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Thanks, we'll run this by the Minister. FYI, we have another request from the North Bay Nugget.

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Revised below.

Regardless of the outcome of the OEB's process, Hydro One customers will not see an increase to their bills. We've been clear that Ontarians will see a significant decrease in their overall bills this summer through Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan.

Our Fair Hydro Plan provides immediate relief in the short-term by reducing electricity bills by 25% on average for all Ontarians - up to 40-50% if you're a rural or low-income Hydro One customer. It then holds rates to inflation for the following 4 years, managing affordability in the medium-term. Our 2017 Long-Term Energy Plan will show Ontario families and businesses a snapshot of our future energy system, including supply, demand, and affordability, over the longer term.

We've also been extremely clear that Hydro One – like all utilities in Ontario – does not have the power to set its own distribution rates. It must submit an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB), an independent, quasi-judicial body with a mandate to protect Ontario energy consumers. The OEB does not approve all applications, and the Fair Hydro Plan will hold any increases to the rate of inflation for four years.

We also know that Patrick Brown loves to distract from the fact that he has absolutely no plan when it comes to managing electricity rates. In fact last week he voted against the Fair Hydro Plan, meaning he voted against reducing electricity bills by 25% on average, and holding electricity rates to inflation - which is exactly what his letter seems to ask for. Nearly 100 days ago Patrick Brown said his energy plan was coming soon, but we are still waiting to hear how he would reduce electricity rates.

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Hi all,

CBC Ottawa has requested an interview with Minister Thibeault regarding Hydro One's rate application. He's off today, but we've crafted a statement below for your approval:

Regardless of the outcome of the OEB's process, Hydro One customers will not see an increase in their electricity bills. In fact, Hydro One customers will see a significant decrease in their overall bills this summer through Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan. Hydro One customers in rural and remote areas could see their electricity rates go down 40 to 50 per cent, while all residential households will see rates go down by an average of 25 per cent.

Hydro One – like all utilities in Ontario – does not have the power to set its own distribution rates. It must submit an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB), an independent, quasi-judicial body with a mandate to protect Ontario energy consumers. The OEB does not approve all applications, and the Fair Hydro Plan will hold any increases to the rate of inflation for four years.

This is the only request we've gotten so far. It also looks like PB send the Premier a letter this morning on the issue:

<https://twitter.com/AndrewLawton/status/872099707727872000>

Cheers,
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