

RE: Hydro numbers for Fergie

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That's good with us, thanks

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Hi Jordan,

Not sure if Blane passed this on to you, but tomorrow the Toronto Star is going to be posting an online primer on Ontario's hydro rates for readers who want to get up to speed on the issue. This will include a series of stories already published, not unlike the repository of information regarding President Trump's false statements here:

<https://www.thestar.com/news/world/2017/07/20/donald-trump-said-397-false-things-in-six-months-heres-what-weve-learned.html>

We've gotten updated numbers from our officials, which paint a good picture of the FHP, as well as blowing a hole in the Opposition argument that our rates have become the highest in North America. I also plan to include that attached chart, which illustrates that our electricity sector debt is lower than other provinces, as they've financed their lower rates through debt. I've also asked our officials for data on which jurisdictions are still burning coal, though I've yet to get that back. I wanted to run this through issues to start the conversation, and make sure you're comfortable with the approach. As an FYI, he needs these numbers today.

I'm happy to chat on the phone or at the 4pm.

Cheers,
Colin

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