

RE: Minister Thibeault Statement in response to MPP Brown's Exec Comp press conference

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Just received Minister's approval now. Will send out to below, Jenn – along with Newstalk 1010 who posted a story too: <http://www.iheartradio.ca/newstalk-1010/news/pc-leader-vowing-to-slash-hydro-one-opg-executive-salaries-1.2821186>

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Can we please make sure this goes to Kris and Jeffords in addition to Chris at QPB?
Thanks!

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Rogers network.

From: Forgione, Andrew (OPO)
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One other edit below highlighted

There was absolutely nothing new presented by Patrick Brown today. There was no energy plan released, and there was no plan on executive compensation. Instead, at a hastily convened press conference on a street corner in Toronto, Patrick Brown repeated his same political spin as an obvious attempt to distract from the fact that just yesterday he called our plan to increase minimum wage to \$15 'silly', and has deeply rooted internal problems over candidate nominations in Hamilton, Ottawa, and Newmarket area ridings.

On top of this, less than two months ago, Patrick Brown and his Conservative Caucus voted against our plan to lower hydro bills by 25 per cent on average for all residential consumers and as many as half a million small businesses and farms. It's difficult to take Patrick Brown seriously when he continues to complain about Ontario's energy system – opposing the one plan that is providing real relief to Ontarians and not bringing forward a plan of his own.

Our government recognizes that every dollar of public money should be spent with good intention and thorough consideration – both need to be taken into account whenever proposing salaries. We recognize

that executive salaries **are** high compared to the vast majority of Ontario salaries, and we've introduced new regulations that require rigorous review of executive compensation frameworks. Our guidelines also create more stringent executive benefits, and we'll continue to focus on ensuring that salaries are fair to the public purse.

Instead of using our electricity sector as a political talking point, Patrick Brown needs to show Ontarians where he truly stands and propose something concrete for once.