

RE: National Steel Car lawsuit

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Let's just go with the below

Ontario is reviewing the applicant's materials. As I'm sure you're aware our government recently brought in the Fair Hydro Plan to lower electricity bills by 25% for 500,000 small businesses and farms. As the matter is before the court, it would be inappropriate to comment further.

From: Rudyk, Andrew (MAG)
Sent: September-20-17 3:52 PM
To: Nekolaichuk, Colin (ENERGY); McPhail, Blane (OPO); @OPO-Media Relations and Issues Management
Cc: Berry, James (ENERGY); Graham, Clare (MAG)
Subject: RE: National Steel Car lawsuit

Hello,

Please find our proposed response below:

RESPONSE:

On August 4, 2017, Ontario received a Notice of Application from National Steel Car Limited which alleges that the revenues, or some portion of the revenues, collected by the Independent Electricity Operator (IESO) for the Global Adjustment constitute an unconstitutional tax. The application specifically challenges the Global Adjustment payments used to fund the Feed-In-Tariff program under the *Green Energy and Green Economy Act, 2009*, which provides for contractually guaranteed prices to certain renewable electricity generators.

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Thanks Blane. Andrew, let us know if you need anything from our end.

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I think MAG is better positioned to answer this.

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Sent: September-20-17 11:34 AM
To: @OPO-Media Relations and Issues Management
Cc: Berry, James (ENERGY); Rudyk, Andrew (MAG)
Subject: FW: National Steel Car lawsuit

Hi all,

We've received the request below regarding a lawsuit concerning the global adjustment as a tax. The request went to MAG media relations as well. Our office is prepared to respond that this is a matter before the courts, and as such we can't comment at this time. We're wondering if there's a preference for that response to come from MAG or from ENERGY.

Thanks,
Colin

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Subject: National Steel Car lawsuit

Hello,

I am seeking the government's response to a lawsuit launched by National Steel Car, which is seeking to have the global adjustment charge declared an unconstitutional or invalid tax. The Ministry of the Attorney General, Minister of Energy and the IESO are named.

Is the government aware of the lawsuit? What is the government's response to National's allegations? What does the government intend to do?

My deadline is 5.

Thanks,

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