

RE: Needs response

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Agreed.

It's a province-wide piece btw – appeared in a number of Sun outlets

From: Killorn, Bill (OPO)
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Cutting costs way better than cutting power bills – The Peterborough Examiner reports, the Wynne government's announcement last week of a reduction in power rates in Ontario is good politics. Too bad it's lousy government.

Something had to be done to ease power poverty in the province and the rate reduction at least begins to address that problem. Added to the provincial tax rebate announced earlier, the reduction should total about 25 per cent off most electricity bills in the province by this summer. But here's the rub. The change lifts some of the burden from today's hard-pressed ratepayers and places it on the shoulders of our grandchildren. The high costs associated with power production - as organized by the Liberal government in the province today - will simply be paid off during a longer period of time.