

RE: Toronto Sun

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Minister is good with it. Gold star to whoever wrote this. We'll send it along to Antonella now.

From: Berry, James (ENERGY)
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Yep, will run it by the Minister.

From: McPhail, Blane (OPO)
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Hey – can we please use this version?

It's up to Doug Ford to try to explain exactly how his policy would work. We've already seen the chaos created by a man in the White House who's governing by firing people all the time. Ford's gimmick will drag us down into the same mess and won't actually do anything to reduce hydro bills either.

Compare Ford's chaotic scheme to our Fair Hydro Plan, which has lowered bills by 25% on average for families and as many as half a million small businesses and farms. Low-income families and those in rural and remote areas are seeing decreases as high as 40-50% as well. Thanks to our plan, Ontario families and small businesses are now paying less on average here than in many other similar jurisdictions. Moving forward, our Long-Term Energy Plan lays out a path for predictable, affordable electricity prices with no sudden jumps too. That's real relief Ontario families can depend on and it's all part of our plan to invest in care and create more opportunity for everyone.

From: Berry, James (ENERGY)
Sent: April-12-18 1:19 PM
To: Brown, Nick (MTO); McPhail, Blane (OPO)
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Here's what we're proposing:

We recognize that executive salaries are high compared to the vast majority of Ontario salaries and we remain committed to Hydro One's regulation, accountability and transparency through our government's involvement as a

majority shareholder. That said, we do know that there's a man in the White House who is also fond of threatening to fire people all of the time. It doesn't look like that's working all that well. Firing the board members or CEO of Hydro One will do nothing to lower bills, as the company and its rates continue to be regulated by the independent Ontario Energy Board.

Doug Ford's priority for day one if he becomes Premier is to fire people and not bring down electricity bills by one cent. That's certainly not our priority. Our priority is to support care, create opportunity and make life more affordable during this period of rapid economic change.

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No nothing being prepared.

My advice is to provide the H1 info on background and be as brief as possible to fulfill the ask.

From: McPhail, Blane (OPO)
Sent: April-12-18 1:07 PM
To: Berry, James (ENERGY)
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Adding Nick as a statement might already be in development

From: Berry, James (ENERGY)
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To: McPhail, Blane (OPO)
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Hi Blane,

Antonella wasn't at scrums, so we'll draft up a statement. I've sent her to Hydro One on the severance question. We've also asked H1 for this info.

Thanks,
James

From: Artuso, Antonella
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 9:01 AM
To: Nikolaichuk, Colin (ENERGY)
Subject: Toronto Sun

Hi Colin: Hope all's great. Do you have a response to Ford's announcement today? Can you tell me if Hydro One CEO and board members have contracts with penalties or costs built in if they're dismissed before the end? And can the Premier fire the board? Thanks, Antonella

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