

RE: Windsor Star | question about whether business is eligible for 25% reduction

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The impact of the energy rate reduction relies on the energy usage of the customer, so it's difficult to confirm which programs they would be eligible for or how big of a reduction they will see in their bills unless we received specific details about the business you're asking about.

The focus of today's announcement is on reducing the electricity bills of families, farms, and small to medium sized businesses across Ontario by an average of 25%. However, larger businesses will still see a modest reduction in their electricity bills with the removal of social programs from the rate base to the tax base. Taking social programs off of the ratebase is part of our plan to make the electricity system more fair.

Through SaveOn Energy, many large industrials have already taken advantage of energy saving programs. We've also lowered the eligibility threshold for the Industrial Conservation Initiative (ICI) to 1MW, allowing additional large consumers to benefit. But we know we can do more and that's why we further lowered the threshold to 500 KW as part of today's announcement.

From: Berry, James (ENERGY)
Sent: March-02-17 5:42 PM
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Okay, how is this?

From: Nekolaichuk, Colin (ENERGY)
Sent: March-02-17 4:50 PM
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I would add some messaging on how moving social programs from the rate base to the tax base is the fair thing to do for Ontarians.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Rogers network.

From: Berry, James (ENERGY)

Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2017 4:39 PM

To: @OPO-Media Relations and Issues Management

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Hi all:

Doug Schmidt from the Windsor Star is asking to comment on whether a business with 30-40 employees (linen cleaning operator) will be eligible for the 25 per cent cut. Any concerns with below? Deadline asap. Thanks!

Without knowing the exact usage of the company, it's difficult to confirm which programs they would be eligible for.

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