

Re: Bliss tweet

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Date: Fri, 31 Mar 2017 19:45:47 -0400

Both Alan Carter and Ashley Csanady are tweeting that the rate application is eating into the 25% cut, which is not correct. Alan is retweeting stuff about the 17% now being 14.2%. Can you guys make sure you are reaching out to folks other than Bliss? Thanks.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Rogers network.

From: Berry, James (ENERGY)
Sent: Friday, March 31, 2017 6:49 PM
To: McPhail, Blane (OPO); @OPO-Media Relations and Issues Management
Cc: Nekolaichuk, Colin (ENERGY); Campbell, David (ENERGY)
Subject: RE: Bliss tweet

R1 and R2 H1 customers will be receiving reductions as part of the expanded RRRP

From: McPhail, Blane (OPO)
Sent: March-31-17 6:42 PM
To: Berry, James (ENERGY); @OPO-Media Relations and Issues Management
Cc: Nekolaichuk, Colin (ENERGY); Campbell, David (ENERGY)
Subject: RE: Bliss tweet

Are these H1 distribution charges not impacted by some of the other changes we're bringing in on distribution charges specifically?

From: Berry, James (ENERGY)
Sent: March-31-17 6:33 PM
To: @OPO-Media Relations and Issues Management
Cc: Nekolaichuk, Colin (ENERGY); Campbell, David (ENERGY)
Subject: FW: Bliss tweet

Hi all – Bliss tweeted the below and also made it part of his clip this evening on the sunshine list. We were hoping to send the subsequent info to provide him with clarification. Let us know what you think. Thanks!

NEW - Hvdro One is asking OEB to increase ur hydro bill approx. 2.8% nxt yr to pay for upkeep of towers/lines/transformers. [#onpoli](#) [#hydro](#)

Our government is lowering bills by 25% on average for households and as many as half a million small businesses and farms starting this summer. It's the single largest rate reduction in the province's history, with rates also held to inflation for the next four years. We will achieve this reduction no matter the outcome of this application.

This is an application only. The Ontario Energy Board will review it and determine if the increase is

essential for Hydro One to maintain service. The OEB has a strong record of denying and reducing utility applications that are not in the best interests of consumers.

This is a distribution application, not transmission. This means that it will only affect customers who receive their electricity directly from Hydro One, and not all customers in the province. As an increase to distribution charges, this impacts only one part of a customer's bill. A 2.8 per cent increase to distribution charges would impact a bill's bottom line by a much smaller amount.

From: Nikolaichuk, Colin (ENERGY)
Sent: March-31-17 6:24 PM
To: Berry, James (ENERGY)
Subject: Re: Bliss tweet

Would you mind sending me a clean version if you're still in the office?

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From: Berry, James (ENERGY)
Sent: Friday, March 31, 2017 6:19 PM
To: Campbell, David (ENERGY); Nikolaichuk, Colin (ENERGY); Whittington, Matt (ENERGY)
Subject: RE: Bliss tweet

I would also just add to the 25 per cent off on average that it's for households and as many as half a million small businesses and farms. And that it's the single largest rate reduction in the province's history, with rates also held to inflation for the next four years

From: Campbell, David (ENERGY)
Sent: March-31-17 6:15 PM
To: Nikolaichuk, Colin (ENERGY); Whittington, Matt (ENERGY); Berry, James (ENERGY)
Subject: RE: Bliss tweet

Yes!

From: Nikolaichuk, Colin (ENERGY)
Sent: March-31-17 6:15 PM
To: Whittington, Matt (ENERGY); Berry, James (ENERGY); Campbell, David (ENERGY)
Subject: Re: Bliss tweet

Should be electricity right? Otherwise good to send to Bliss?

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From: Whittington, Matt (ENERGY)
Sent: Friday, March 31, 2017 6:07 PM

To: Berry, James (ENERGY); Campbell, David (ENERGY); Nikolaichuk, Colin (ENERGY)
Subject: RE: Bliss tweet

Typo in bullet 3 (says consumers a lot). Otherwise looks good to me.

From: Berry, James (ENERGY)
Sent: March-31-17 5:59 PM
To: Campbell, David (ENERGY); Nikolaichuk, Colin (ENERGY)
Cc: Whittington, Matt (ENERGY)
Subject: RE: Bliss tweet

Including Matt

From: Campbell, David (ENERGY)
Sent: March-31-17 5:58 PM
To: Berry, James (ENERGY); Nikolaichuk, Colin (ENERGY)
Subject: RE: Bliss tweet

CC'ing Matt to make sure we're on the right track here. Matt, Paul Bliss is tweeting about a H1 rate application.

Key messages:

1. Our government has committed to lowering bills by 25%, on average, by this summer. We will be ensuring we achieve this reduction no matter the outcome of this application.
2. This is an application only. The Ontario Energy Board will review it and determine if the increase is essential for Hydro One to maintain service. The OEB has a strong record of denying and reducing utility applications that are not in the best interests of consumers.

Additionally, clarifications in reference to this application that correct Paul's tweet. These are speculative so far – I'm trying to confirm what application he's talking about:

3. This is a distribution application, not transmission. This means that it will only affect customers who receive their customers directly from Hydro One, and not all customers in the province.
4. As an increase to distribution charges, this impacts only one part of a customer's bill. A 2.8% increase to distribution charges would impact a bill's bottom line by a much smaller amount.

From: Berry, James (ENERGY)
Sent: March-31-17 5:47 PM
To: Nikolaichuk, Colin (ENERGY)
Cc: Campbell, David (ENERGY)
Subject: Bliss tweet

Paul Bliss is tweeting about an RPP application H1 has made to the OEB, see below. David is going to draft a couple bullets. Can you follow up with him with a note on background?

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