

Re: Toronto Sun request

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Good, thanks

From: Nekolaichuk, Colin (ENERGY)
Sent: Friday, October 20, 2017 4:53 PM
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Hi Jordan,

The Sun has asked us to confirm if we spent \$2 million on consultants while developing the FHP. Our officials confirmed this, though we're just waiting for a letter to that effect. Once I get that, I plan to call Antonella to confirm that's true, and share the following statement via email:

All options were on the table when we were developing the Fair Hydro Plan. This is the largest electricity rate reduction in Ontario's history, reducing residential bills by 25 per cent on average across the province, and holding those reductions to the rate of inflation for four years. It was essential that we get the structure right, while delivering the meaningful relief Ontario families needed.

To that end, we consulted with senior officials from the Ministry of Energy, Ministry of Finance, Treasury Board Secretariat, Office of the Provincial Controller, Cabinet Office, the Ontario Financial Authority (OFA), the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO), and Ontario Power Generation Inc. Additional third-party experts were also consulted on the plan, making sure we left no stone unturned in exploring our options, and that this was the right plan for Ontario.

Let me know if you're comfortable with this approach.

Thanks,
Colin

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