

Statement on InnPower

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Hi, we've received a request from CTV Barrie asking for clarification on how InnPower's OEB rate application is affected by the Fair Hydro Plan. We've crafted the statement below. Please let us know if this is good to go – it needs to get to the journalist ASAP.

Last week we announced the largest cut to electricity rates in Ontario's history. Recognizing that Ontarians are struggling, we are lowering electricity bills by 25 per cent on average for families, farms and small businesses. Under our plan, electricity rates will come down, stay down and benefit families and businesses across the province.

As part of our plan, Ontario is providing additional support to those facing the highest delivery costs in the province. Legislation will soon be introduced regarding distribution charges levied by the eight utilities with the highest rates, which will all be lowered to protect ratepayers in these areas. InnPower is one of these utilities.

InnPower currently has a rate application before the Ontario Energy Board. It is important to be absolutely clear – regardless of the outcome of the OEB's rate hearing, the customers of InnPower will benefit from Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan. In fact, they will see their distribution charges decrease as a result of our programs.

This is all part of our government's plan to make the electricity system more fair in Ontario. By providing real, long-lasting relief, our Fair Hydro Plan makes sense for Ontarians.

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