

May 11, 2017

Hon. Dave Levac, Speaker
Legislative Assembly of Ontario
Room 180, Main Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A2

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Pursuant to Standing Order 21(c), I write to you providing the appropriate notice to inform you of my intent to rise on a point of privilege before Question Period on Monday May 15, 2017 concerning a *prima facie* case of contempt by the Minister of Energy with regard to government advertising on a matter yet to be decided by the House.

The matter yet to be decided is the direct result of the legislation the Minister of Energy has tabled this afternoon, the Ontario Fair Hydro Plan Act, 2017.

Further, the government advertising in question is a series of three advertisements.

The first piece is an online advertisement produced by the Ministry of Energy stating the outcome and timeline and retweeted by the Minister of Energy which was posted to Facebook on March 15th. The second is a radio ad which we have confirmed aired in North Bay, Ottawa and Toronto over the course of the March Break. Transcripts and audio of that ad have been made available for the purposes of this motion. And the third is a series of online advertisements produced by Hydro One – in which the Minister is still responsible for overseeing and whereas the government still manages the majority of the shares for the Crown – and the Ministry of Energy, posted to Twitter, which commits to the same timeline.

I look forward to submitting a substantial written argument and presenting the relevant precedent during an oral discussion.

Regards,

[original signed]

Steve Clark, MPP
Deputy House Leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition

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I would direct you to the audio available on the Toronto Star's online article:

Government ads promoting 25-per-cent hydro-rate cut partisan waste: PCs
By ROB FERGUSON Queen's Park Bureau
Fri., March 17, 2017