

RE: Facts Still Matter in Ontario - For Approval - Fideli on CP24

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Hi All,

Please see below a proposed fact check to be sent from Energy to the gallery and regional media for MPP Fedeli on CP 24.

Proposed Email

Good afternoon,

Vic Fedeli was on CP24 today making more outrageous claims about the electricity sector. **Our government has taken initial action on electricity prices – including an 8% rebate for 5 million families, farms, and small businesses – and is working hard on additional measures to provide rate relief.** The PCs continue to confuse the public with misleading statements, while offering no plan of their own. **They forget that Facts Still Matter in Ontario.**

He said: The government is *"hell bent on a track to replace, you know, nuclear, they want to replace natural gas in Ontario."*

Fact: We're still using nuclear and just announced an expansion of natural gas.
(Source: <https://news.ontario.ca/mei/en/2015/12/ontario-commits-to-future-in-nuclear-energy.html>, <https://news.ontario.ca/moi/en/2017/01/expanding-natural-gas-to-more-communities-across-ontario.html>.)

He said: *"the cost of hydro is going up every day, it's causing businesses to leave Ontario"*

Fact: The Ontario Chamber of Commerce put out **a report today that acknowledged reduced electricity rates for business.** They also found that the Business Prosperity Index was near a 15 year high. **Can we add a FDI stat and info about businesses recently expanding and opening in ON?** And then something like "Something we would have expected the PC Finance Critic to be well aware of"
(Source: <http://www.occ.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/ontarioeconomicreport2017.pdf>)

He said: The government is *"still signing [contracts for new energy] every day"*

Fact: Sorry Vic, that's just not true. We announced last fall that we were suspending procurement of new large renewable projects to avoid \$3.8 billion in costs.
(Source: <https://news.ontario.ca/mei/en/2016/09/ontario-suspends-large-renewable-energy-procurement.html>)

He said: *"we would do immediately is cancel the sale of hydro one, That in itself is going to continue to send your hydro rates skyrocketing"*

Fact: Just as they did before the ownership changes Hydro One still has to get approval from the independent OEB – I THINK WE HAVE STRONGER STOCK LANGUAGE ON THIS?

(Source:
<http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry/Regulatory+Proceedings/Applications+Before+the+Board>
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