

Re: Ontario Hydro - business do not want to come here - people are upset

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Attachments: ridiculous power billing.pdf (40.65 kB)

Hi Kathleen,

With an election in Ontario looming and to support your travels to woo new industry and businesses to Ontario, I would suggest that you read this note before you pass it off to the office that typically handles hydro issues.

It is time to make sweeping changes. Cutting hydro rates in all of Ontario would also be good for you RIGHT NOW. It is time to make sweeping changes.

See below.

cheers

don Robertson

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Hi Kathleen,

As you know, hydro is a big issue in Ontario. Only in the recent past have you and your party recognized that it is a HUGE issue in Ontario. I have previously sent you concerns about my home billing and comments about ways to reduce overall cost of power. The discussion was from two fronts.

1. Ontario Hydro should get out of the home flyer business and download this to a third party. The third party would win a competitive bid for taking care of this for Ontario Hydro. The savings from reducing the staffing that tends exclusively to this duty would be in the millions.
2. Trim the fat. Ontario Hydro is top heavy with over paid executives

Bottom LINE - Treat Hydro like a business. Get rid of the excess administration and make people accountable for the work they perform. Fire those that are complacent. Make it a lean operation that cares about delivering low cost power to the residents of Ontario. As it is, we are the third highest cost, with ONLY Nova Scotia and PEI ranking higher. This is shameful.

IMPACT OF High Rates : Ontario is driving manufacturers away. New industry and business do not want to come to Ontario because of high rates. I suspect that many companies are moving across the border. This is a side effect that has not really been considered in the past. I would suggest that this impact can be measured in the billions of dollars. Why would anyone choose to set up business in Ontario and pay 7.6 to 9.3 C per KWH, when they can move across the border and pay 3.3 C per KWH.

I have a third beef with Ontario Hydro and the governing body that oversees Ontario Hydro. This one is very personal. Please find attached a bill from Algoma Power. My wife and I went up to our family cottage for 7 days during this billing cycle. We kept water heated in our new high efficient water heater, cooked meals on the stove and had minimal lights on. You will see that our hydro bill was minimal at approximately \$22.00. The killer on the bill was the delivery charge, which was assessed at \$78.16. **GET REAL.** All rural residents deal with this ridiculous imbalance in delivery charge.

By my way of thinking, deliver charges should be billed based on usage and the average cost of delivery

for all of ontario, should be added into the total bill per KWH. Make sense? Anticipating that all citizens in Ontario have the right to a power source, the cost should be shared equally.

I call Algoma Power frequently to complain about this charge, to become apart of the disgruntled mass of Ontario citizens. The hope is that we will be noticed. They respond by saying that this pricing for deliver is dictated by the governing body that guides all power suppliers in Ontario. I am not sure who this governing body is, but I can say with assurance that they take direction from the controlling power in the Government of Ontario. Your governing body is "at the top of the food chain" so to speak. It is you and only you that can initiate change.

Good luck with your travels.

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