

FW: Latest Hydro Bill

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FYI

From: Bevan, Andrew (OPO)
Sent: August-08-17 2:59 PM
To: Jancik, Mike (OPO); McEachern, Gillian (OPO)
Subject: FW: Latest Hydro Bill

From: Gary Sands [<mailto:GSands@cfg.ca>]
Sent: August 8, 2017 2:58 PM
To: Bevan, Andrew (OPO)
Subject: RE: Latest Hydro Bill

No need to reply, but I have to say I can't say enough about Jason and Julian in Minister Leal's office. Doing a great job.

From: Bevan, Andrew (OPO) [<mailto:Andrew.Bevan@ontario.ca>]
Sent: August-08-17 2:56 PM
To: Gary Sands <GSands@cfg.ca>
Subject: RE: Latest Hydro Bill

Got it. Thanks gary

From: Gary Sands [<mailto:GSands@cfg.ca>]
Sent: August 8, 2017 2:54 PM
To: Bevan, Andrew (OPO)
Subject: FW: Latest Hydro Bill

Just fyi. A typical communication I get from members on this issue. (in this case his mother in law was a Liberal MPP)

From: Online Grocer [<mailto:fbouchard@onlinegrocer.ca>]
Sent: August-08-17 2:30 PM
To: Gary Sands <GSands@cfg.ca>
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Subject: FW: Latest Hydro Bill

Gary,
FYI.
A copy of the e-mail I just sent John Fraser my local MPP.
Francois

From: Online Grocer [<mailto:fbouchard@onlinegrocer.ca>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 08, 2017 2:27 PM
To: 'John Fraser, MPP (Constituency Office)' <jfraser.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org>

Subject: Latest Hydro Bill

John,

I hope all is well.

Thank you for taking the time to arrange a visit from the Premier during her recent trip to Ottawa. It was a candid and honest discussion and I appreciate the opportunity to voice my concerns on the energy file.

We had meetings with OEB and IESO last week and I must tell you that the future looks bleak. Based on our conversation with them we will not qualify for the 17 % or the 8 % and will only see the benefit of the abolishment of the Debt Retirement Charge in April 2018 and a few percentage point reduction on the Regulatory Charges which only account for \$ 300 of my \$ 12,500 monthly bill. We were also told that it is likely that we will see price increases in 2018 which may more than offset the reduction in regulatory charges.

The fact that the Premier believed that we qualified for the ICC is concerning and she must understand that there is a real "grey and ugly zone" for the smaller grocery retailers in the province. We honestly believe we are SME but are certainly not treated in that fashion on the energy file.

I have attached to this e-mail a copy of my latest hydro bill.

The energy charge is \$ 2,593.53 of the overall *value* of the \$ 12,556.94 monthly bill. I only have control of the energy consumption and we have tried and already undertaken two retrofit programs to decrease the consumption.

We have been very patient and have had numerous meeting with OEB and IESO but we are frankly running out of options and other legislative changes and labour reform in 2018 will make it even more difficult.

Can I ask that a copy of my hydro bill be given to the Premier so she can see firsthand what my reality looks like given that she has seen the size of our store and we really are a Small Business which I believe she wants to help.

Please let me know if you will be able to accommodate my request.

Thank you

Francois Bouchard
The Country Grocer Inc.