

Draft speaking points for Deputy Minister's phone calls

Fair Hydro Plan and Affordability Fund:

- As you know, the government announced its Fair Hydro Plan on March 2, 2017.
- As part of the plan, the government is working to establish an “Affordability Fund” which will target customers who are in need of assistance, but do not qualify for low-income conservation programs like the Home Assistance Program.
- The fund will provide energy efficiency measures at no or minimal cost, so that customers can lower their energy bills and get on a more sustainable path over time.
- It is our intention that the Affordability Fund will be up and running by this summer.

Establishment of a Trust:

- The government has been working with Hydro One to establish an independent, non-controlled Trust to administer the Affordability Fund.
 - The Trust will consist of six Trustees (five voting members and one non-voting government representative). The five voting members will include representation from three LDCs and two social service agencies.
 - The Trustees' role will be to manage the Trust, ensuring that funds are dispersed to eligible customers, through LDCs, in accordance with funding criteria.
- The government is currently working towards having an agreement in place by the end of this month with a professional Trustee

organization. This is an interim step until a Board of Trustees can be established.

Advisory Committee:

- In order to ensure the appropriate people are chosen to take on the Trustee roles, and to maintain the non-controlled nature of the Trust, we are seeking to establish an Advisory Committee made up of five members.
 - The Advisory Committee's role will be to make recommendations on individuals to appoint to the Board of Trustees.
 - The Committee's recommendations would be provided to the interim Trustee.
 - Once the Committee's recommendations have been accepted by the interim Trustee, the Advisory Committee's role would be complete.
- We are aiming to establish the Advisory Committee this week.
- We anticipate that the Committee would have an initial meeting in the first week of April, and hope that it would complete its consideration of potential Trustees and make its recommendations to the interim Trustee by the end of April/beginning of May.

Request:

- We have identified [**insert LDC name**] as being very well positioned to participate on the Advisory Committee.
- As we are looking for senior level participation, can I put your name forward as a Committee member?

- We are working to finalize the Trust Deed this week, which will include a list of the Advisory Committee members. With this timing in mind, I would appreciate if you could get back to me by Wednesday morning at the latest to advise me of your willingness to participate and help ensure that we have a strong Trust in place to administer this important funding.
- Thanks.