



Premier Kathleen Wynne Hints At The Government's New Plan To Lower Hydro Rates

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Anchor: New details and hints today by the Premier and our government over high hydro rates and some relief for customers. The rising price of electricity is putting a lot of people in a bind. CTV's Paul Bliss reports.

Reporter: The premier is slowly revealing more details about a new plan to bring down electricity costs.

Premier Kathleen Wynne: Because frankly, we got that balance wrong.

Reporter: Kathleen Wynne told a Bay Street crowd she's eyeing the hated delivery charge on hydro bills referencing a man who she spoke to who says his charge is 50 percent of his bill.

Premier Wynne: What I said to him was, he has every right to be angry. That's not fair. That shouldn't be happening. Somebody who has had the foresight to make investments shouldn't then be falling further behind.

Reporter: A major plan should be unveiled in weeks. If you listen carefully, she indicates one option is to use general government revenue to take pressure off delivery charges.

Premier Wynne: In other words, what would go on people's electricity bill, and what would be paid out of general government revenue? And we have to look at whether we have that balance right as well.

Reporter: Tapping into general revenue actually does lessen the pain for hydro customers, that's because the general revenue (inaudible) contains tens of millions of dollars coming from the federal government. From corporate taxes, tobacco taxes, booze taxes, retail taxes; you get the picture. The premier now striking a sympathetic tone with Ontario families.

Premier Wynne: I know it's not enough. That's what I hear from people. At the end of the day, what people like Lloyd should be paying for is the electricity that they use.

Reporter: Of the delivery charge, the premier says it's time to pull it apart and see how and where government can bring it down. Paul Bliss, CTV News.

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