Fair Hydro Plan Accounting / IESO Qualification

- We‵re proud that the Fair Hydro Act delivers 25 per cent average savings on electricity bills to Ontarians this summer.

- Global Adjustment Refinancing is one part of the Fair Hydro Plan

- In analyzing the appropriate accounting treatment, we looked to the Public Sector Accounting Board, and to the Public Sector Accounting Standards.

- The Accounting Standards are silent on the use of rate regulated accounting

- Like all major accounting frameworks, our Public Sector Accounting Standards encourage both preparers and auditors to consider guidance in other accounting frameworks when accounting for transactions not specifically addressed by the standards.

- We consulted with external and government legal and accounting firms, as well as the Provincial Controller, to make sure our plan is sound.

- Through that process, we confirmed that 18 other jurisdictions in North America utilize similar accounting practices in the electricity system.

- Rating agencies like DBRS have agreed with our accounting treatment, saying that they view "the proposed changes as credit neutral", and that they will "treat it as self-supported and exclude it from the calculation of tax-supported debt

- Families in the province asked for real and immediate relief on their electricity bills and we delivered the largest rate reduction in Ontario's history.

- The Opposition sits here and questions the accounting expertise of our professional public servants. The real question should be when will the PCs put forward a credible plan for Hydro in Ontario?