

FW: Energy- Letter to critics

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[See below for the letter to critics, as discussed.](#)

Dear Mr. Smith and Mr. Tabuns,

As you know, the Premier has made making everyday life more affordable for Ontarians a top priority for our government. While Ontario's economy is doing well, not every family is seeing the benefit on their personal budget. Nowhere is that challenge more pressing than on the issue of electricity prices. The Premier has been clear that we need to do more.

Over the past decade, our electricity system has been transformed. We invested \$50 billion in new generation, and in a new and upgraded transmission and distribution system. While these investments have allowed us to transition off cheap, dirty coal and increase reliability and clean supply, the cost of this transition has presented a challenge for many households. Since being appointed to this role in June, I have implemented a number of initiatives aimed at curbing the cost of electricity – from the 8% HST rebate, to expanding support for rural homes and industry, to suspending procurement of large renewable generation, and more. Yet as a government, we recognize that more needs to be done, and we are working hard to develop relief.

I have been meeting with many Ontarians hearing their concerns and listening to new ideas on how to provide relief. I believe this is a non-partisan issue, and requires all three parties working collaboratively to provide an effective response. As critics on the energy file, I would truly value your input on ways that we can help provide this relief. I would like to meet with you in person to discuss your ideas, or welcome a written response.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Glenn Thibeault
Minister of Energy