

FW: InnPower statement

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Do we definitely need to wait for DMO on this? It's really important to get this to CTV.

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Ok, we are taking a quick look

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No this came through a journalist call to PO. His deadline is 4pm. I've removed 'capped' in this version:

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As part of our plan, Ontario is providing additional support to those facing the highest delivery costs in the province. Legislation will soon be introduced regarding delivery charges levied by the eight most expensive utilities in the province, which will all be lowered to protect ratepayers in these areas. InnPower is one of these utilities.

InnPower currently has an updated rate application before the Ontario Energy Board, seeking to increase its rates. It is important to be absolutely clear – regardless of the outcome of the OEB's rate hearing, the customers of InnPower will not see their delivery charges increase. In fact, they will see their delivery charges decrease as a result of our programs. If the OEB's hearing determines that InnPower needs to increase rates in order to maintain reliability, the province will provide the funds necessary to support this need, with no new impact on ratepayers.

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We are reviewing as quickly as possible. Did this go through comms per usual process?

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I don't like the term "cap". Need to never use that word. Sorry.

From: Nekolaichuk, Colin (ENERGY)
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Hi all,

CTV Barrie is doing a story on InnPower's OEB rate application, and was confused as to how their rates could go up following last week's announcement. We've crafted the statement below for them to provide great clarity. **The deadline is 4pm.**

If approved, I'll share this with PO, and then OEB and the journalist.

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Thanks,
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