

Fair Hydro Plan promotion

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Good morning Andrew, and sorry that I haven't been able to get back to you sooner. I understand that you have been in touch with Justin as well, and I worry that there might be some misperceptions that have arisen regarding the EDA, LDCs in general, and the Fair Hydro Plan.

As you know, the EDA issued a supportive press release on the Plan, and we feel that it is very important that our members work with the province to ensure that ratepayers are fully aware of the changes being made and how it will impact them in their everyday lives. Whether it be rate mitigation or other government initiatives, we always encourage our members to participate in announcements with the Minister at their LDC or in their communities. We think it is a great opportunity for them to be asked, get some profile in their communities and with customers, and work in tandem with the Minister and the province to broaden awareness of these important initiatives.

In most cases LDCs align with this view and share the aforementioned objectives, as we have seen and continue to see across the province. That said, and very infrequently, some may decline. This also happened in a couple of instance on OCEB implementation announcements as I recall.

The EDA does encourage the LDC to participate, as I did with Bluewater, but if their view remains unchanged we have little recourse. We can continue to push, but the LDCs have their own Boards that they receive direction from and report to. There is little we can do in these cases other than attempt to persuade them.

Perhaps we can connect or meet at your convenience and discuss in further detail. Of course, I am certain we will have other supportive LDCs to assist in any way possible.

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