

RE: Caucus Blast

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From: Moulton, Dan (ENERGY)
Sent: September-26-16 5:06 PM
To: Foster, David (ENERGY); Xavier, Katrina (ENERGY); Teliszewsky, Andrew (ENERGY); Campbell, David (ENERGY)
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[Attached are the Check Against remarks for the Minister's press conference. Finals of NR and BG forthcoming.](#)

From: Foster, David (ENERGY)
Sent: September-26-16 12:16 PM
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First Draft, sorry for delay, keep getting interrupted, we can add a rider to the email about the cost comparisons Campbell put together.

Please edit,

Dave

Caucus Blast – 9: 00 a.m. Tuesday
Subject:
Ministry of Energy: News - Suspension of LRP II

Caucus and Staff,

This morning Minister Thibeault announced the immediate suspension of the Large Renewable Procurement (LRP II) process, halting the procurement of over 1,000 MW of large renewable and energy from waste projects.

On September 1, 2016, the Independent Electricity Systems Operator (IESO) provided the Minister of Energy with the Ontario Planning Outlook, an independent report analyzing a variety of planning scenarios for the future of Ontario's energy system. The IESO has advised that Ontario will benefit from a robust supply of electricity over the coming decade to meet projected demand.

The government has therefore determined that it will suspend the second Large Renewable Procurement and the Energy From Waste Standard Offer Program.

This action directly follows the decision to permanently and instantly rebate all provincial taxes from electricity bills, and to expand programs that reduce rural delivery charges and industrial business costs and we remain focused on doing everything we can to reduce electricity system costs.

The decision to suspend LRP II is expected to save up to \$3.8 billion in electricity system costs relative to Ontario's 2013 Long-Term Energy Plan (LTEP) forecast. This would save the typical residential electricity consumer an average of approximately \$2.45 per month on their electricity bill.

In a related note, the Ministry of Energy will be launching consultations this fall on the next Long-Term Energy Plan. This will provide an opportunity for a province-wide discussion on future energy demand and the need to meet that demand with a clean, reliable and affordable supply of electricity. The next LTEP is scheduled to be released in Spring 2017.

Further details on how to participate in the LTEP consultation process will be provided in the coming weeks.

Please find attached the new release, a backgrounder outlining previous actions the government has taken to mitigate costs in the electricity sector as well as a set of Q+A's.

Key Messages are also included below.

*(***Also attached is a document comparing the cost savings for the average consumer through the Ontario Clean Energy Benefit (OCEB) and the actions taken since the OCEB ended on Dec. 31 2015***)*

Please direct any media inquiries to our office: Katrina Xavier, katrina.xavier@ontario.ca, 416-325-2690 and pass along any other questions to me.

Cheers

Dave

KEY MESSAGES

- § To reduce electricity costs, Ontario will immediately suspend Large Renewable Procurement.
- § In September the Independent Electricity System Operator advised the Minister of Energy that Ontario will benefit from a strong supply of electricity over the coming decades.
- § Consultations on the government's renewed Long Term Energy Plan will begin this fall, which will provide an opportunity for the public and for stakeholders to participate in a review of any continued procurements.
- § Since being appointed Minister of Energy in June 2016, Minister Thibeault has focused on assessing all options to reduce electricity costs to help people with the cost of everyday living.
- § Suspending the LRP will save \$3.8 billion in costs for the electricity system, reducing consumer bills by \$2.45 per month.
- § This action follows directly on a decision by the government permanently and instantly rebate all provincial taxes from electricity bills, and to expand programs that reduce rural delivery charges and industrial business costs.
- § Ontario's government remains focused on doing everything it can to reduce electricity system costs and responsibly manage a clean, reliable supply of power.

§ Since 2003, Ontario has established itself as a global leader in clean energy investment, and we have now secured more than 18,000 megawatts of renewables installed or under construction.

§ Consultations for Ontario's renewed Long Term Energy plan will begin this fall. This process will provide the public and stakeholders the opportunity to contribute to Ontario's long term system planning, including options for a diverse, clean supply of electricity.

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