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MPP Hoggarth: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Minister of energy. This spring our government took a big step forward in ensuring our clean and reliable electricity is affordable to everyone in Ontario. The cost of electricity has become a concern for many communities and I know the people in Ontario were eager to see the government take action. The fair hydro plan passed last session is a 25% reduction, on average, for all House holds in this province. No loopholes, no exceptions, just a significant relief pour this important House hold expense. But that wasn't all. The government also included new and expanded support programs for low-income Ontarians, as well as a program to help those with the highest delivery charges in Ontario. Additionally we introduced a new policy. Affordability fund. Could the Minister please update us on what this program does and when it will begin to support Ontario families?

Minister Thibeault: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to thank the member from Barrie for that question, and of course, Mr. Speaker, for her tireless work for her constituents in that area, Mr. Speaker. I'm delighted to update the members on the lines of the affordability, Mr. Speaker. Yesterday I was in Hamilton to announce this exciting new program. The affordability fund is designed to help people improve in energy efficiency of their homes while reducing their bills and their carbon footprint, Mr. Speaker. The new \$100 million fund will support the free installation of energy-saving L.E.D. Light bulbs, power bars, improved energy efficient air conditioners, refrigerators and many more pieces of equipment, Mr.

Speaker. The affordability fund is designed to help people who do not qualify for low-income conservation programs and who are unable to undertake energy efficiency improvements without support. This fund managed by the independent trust is being supported by Hydro One and I want to thank that leadership team. We're going to continue to focus helping the people of Ontario.

MPP Hoggarth: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, Minister, for the answer. This program is welcomed news for the families in my riding who need extra help with their electricity bills. I'm pleased our government is taking action to support those that don't have the means to pay for House hold upgrades. In addition to cutting residential hydro bills by 25% on average through the fair hydro plan, we are delivering even more savings to Ontario families through the affordability fund. I heard you say many times in this House that for every dollar spent on conservation programs we save \$2. That's a very wise investment. By providing electricity customers with the tools to improve the energy efficiency of their homes, we're helping reduce pressure on their pocketbooks and protecting the environment. Minister, can you please explain how electricity consumers can sign up for this program?

Minister Thibeault: The good question. Electricity consumers can find out if they are eligible for the program by going to afford abilitiesfund.org<<http://abilitiesfund.org>>. On this website electricity consumers can see what support they may be eligible for and to sign up for this program, Mr. Speaker. Whether you rent or own, live in a House or an apartment, you may qualify for more savings on your electricity bill. Electricity bill savings for House holds participating in the program will obviously depend, Mr. Speaker, on the types of measures installed but a home energy kit with two L.E.D. Light bulbs and power bar can help save 10 bucks, Mr. Speaker. Energy efficient refrigerator can save help about \$90 in annual electricity costs. I encourage all members constituents who are looking to make energy efficiency upgrades at home who might not have the disposable income to afford these upgrades to check out the website and see if they're eligible. Our government has a plan to make sure everybody in Ontario has the opportunity to share in the growth of our economy and measures like this plan and the fair hydro plan make it more fair, Mr. Speaker .

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