

RE: Media Statement to follow RPP announcement

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Date: Thu, 20 Apr 2017 15:03:22 -0400

Should know very soon.

From: Teliszewsky, Andrew (ENERGY)
Sent: April-20-17 2:54 PM
To: Berry, James (ENERGY)
Subject: Re: Media Statement to follow RPP announcement

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On Apr 20, 2017, at 2:27 PM, Berry, James (ENERGY) <James.Berry5@ontario.ca> wrote:

All good. Have kept in "anticipated" after discussing with PO.

From: Berry, James (ENERGY)
Sent: April-20-17 2:15 PM
To: Teliszewsky, Andrew (ENERGY)
Subject: FW: Media Statement to follow RPP announcement

PO removed entire third paragraph and made a couple of other changes that streamline and limit duplication. They removed "anticipated" which was recommended language from legal. I'm fine with what is below and can follow-up with DMO/legal on removal of anticipated.

From: Bossin, Bryan (OPO)
Sent: April-20-17 2:07 PM
To: Berry, James (ENERGY)
Cc: Nekolaichuk, Colin (ENERGY)
Subject: RE: Media Statement to follow RPP announcement

Statement from the Minister of Energy on the Ontario Energy Board's New Regulated Price Plan (RPP) Electricity Rate Announcement

We welcome the Ontario Energy Board's (OEB's) decision to reduce electricity rates starting May 1, 2017 by an average of 17 per cent across the province for all residential households and as many as half a million small businesses and farms.

The OEB's decision to include a portion of the estimated reductions from the Fair Hydro Plan, in keeping with its standard practice, means Ontarians will see real savings sooner than expected. This is an important first step to deliver on our government's commitment to lower rates **by 25 per cent** on average by this summer with rates also held to inflation for the next four years. **This is the** largest rate

cut in Ontario history.

Today's OEB Retail Price Plan (RPP) announcement includes the 8 per cent reduction announced in January, and 9 per cent savings through both the shifting of the Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP) to the tax base and a portion of the electricity rate reductions Ontarians will see through our Fair Hydro Plan.

Our government intends to introduce legislation that would, if passed, provide real relief for Ontarians and greater fairness in our electricity system **this summer**. With the **anticipated** implementation of our government's proposed legislation, the OEB would be required to lower rates again this summer to fulfill our pledge to cut electricity bills **for all residential consumers** by 25 per cent on average and reduce rates for families in rural or remote areas of the province up to 40 to 50 per cent.

On March 2 Premier Wynne committed to providing significant and real relief on **hydro** bills for **people across Ontario**, and our government **is delivering on this pledge**.

From: Berry, James (ENERGY)
Sent: April-20-17 1:40 PM
To: Bossin, Bryan (OPO)
Cc: Nekolaichuk, Colin (ENERGY)
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Hey Bryan -- we had one final edit to the third paragraph below. Rest of statement remains unchanged.

From: Berry, James (ENERGY)
Sent: April-20-17 12:23 PM
To: Bossin, Bryan (OPO)
Cc: Nekolaichuk, Colin (ENERGY)
Subject: Re: Media Statement to follow RPP announcement

Great -- thanks

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Rogers network.

From: Bossin, Bryan (OPO)
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2017 12:21 PM
To: Berry, James (ENERGY)
Cc: Nekolaichuk, Colin (ENERGY)
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Just checking with some folks on my end. Back to you soon.

From: Berry, James (ENERGY)
Sent: April-20-17 12:19 PM
To: Bossin, Bryan (OPO)
Cc: Nekolaichuk, Colin (ENERGY)
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Any further thought on distribution, Bryan? If proactive, we'll need to get it translated

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Rogers network.

From: Berry, James (ENERGY)
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2017 11:26 AM
To: Bossin, Bryan (OPO)

Cc: Nikolaichuk, Colin (ENERGY)
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Minister had a small suggestion to the third paragraph, highlighted below.

From: Berry, James (ENERGY)
Sent: April-20-17 9:39 AM
To: Bossin, Bryan (OPO)
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Here's the language we're proposing (still requires Minister's approval):

Statement from the Minister of Energy on the Ontario Energy Board's New Regulated Price Plan (RPP) Electricity Rate Announcement

Today, Glenn Thibeault, Ontario's Minister of Energy, issued the following statement:

We welcome the Ontario Energy Board's (OEB's) decision to reduce electricity rates starting May 1, 2017 by an average of 17 per cent across the province for all residential households and as many as half a million small businesses and farms.

The OEB's decision to include a portion of the estimated reductions from the Fair Hydro Plan, in keeping with its standard practice, means Ontarians will see real savings sooner than expected. This is an important first step to deliver on our government's commitment to lower rates by a total of 25 per cent on average by this summer with rates also held to inflation for the next four years. The Plan will bring the largest rate cut in Ontario history.

Today's OEB Regulated Price Plan (RPP) announcement includes savings resulting from the HST rebate and shifting of the Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP) to the tax base.

Our government intends to introduce legislation that would, if passed, provide real relief for Ontarians and greater fairness in our electricity system this summer. With the anticipated implementation of our government's proposed legislation, the OEB would be required to lower rates again this summer to fulfill our pledge to cut electricity bills by 25 per cent on average and reduce rates for families in rural or remote areas of the province up to 40 to 50 per cent.

On March 2, Premier Wynne committed to providing significant and real relief on electricity bills for Ontarians, and our government will be delivering on this pledge this summer.