

RE: OFHP Sarnia Echo announcement

From: "Teliszewsky, Andrew (ENERGY)" </o=govon/ou=exchange administrative group (fydibohf23spdlt)/cn=recipients/cn=teliszewsky, andrew (energy)4fe">
To: Justin Rangooni <jrangooni@eda-on.ca>
Date: Wed, 15 Mar 2017 15:17:06 -0400

Sorry, clearly I'm confused about what role the EDA will play as we undertake these important electricity sector reforms. Happy to work directly with each of the LDC, and not trouble your shop with this. Probably reduces down the need to include EDA in any Ministry working groups going forward.

Still haven't heard back from Theresa – is she away / out of town?

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From: Justin Rangooni [mailto:jrangooni@eda-on.ca]
Sent: March-15-17 2:20 PM
To: Teliszewsky, Andrew (ENERGY)
Subject: Re: OFHP Sarnia Echo announcement

Hey,
No we have not. Encourage you to contact Janice. Hope the conversation goes well my friend.

Justin

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From: Teliszewsky, Andrew (ENERGY) <andrew.teliszewsky@ontario.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 1:26 PM
Subject: RE: OFHP Sarnia Echo announcement
To: Justin Rangooni <jrangooni@eda-on.ca>

To confirm, your organization has resolved with her that they will host the event?

-----Original Message-----

From: Justin Rangooni [mailto:jrangooni@eda-on.ca]
Sent: March-15-17 12:50 PM
To: Teliszewsky, Andrew (ENERGY)
Subject: RE: OFHP Sarnia Echo announcement

Contact the CEO at Bluewater, Janice McMichael Dennis at JMcMichael-Dennis@bluewaterpower.com
She responds best through email.

Thanks
Justin

-----Original Message-----

From: Teliszewsky, Andrew (ENERGY) [<mailto:Andrew.Teliszewsky@ontario.ca>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 7:00 AM
To: Justin Rangooni <jrangeoni@eda-on.ca>
Subject: Re: OFHP Sarnia Echo announcement

Thanks Justin! I knew with your help this could be resolved.

Let us know who to connect with in Sarnia for this week's announcement, please?

Many thanks, in advance.

Andrew

Original Message

From: Justin Rangooni
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 2:04 PM
To: Teliszewsky, Andrew (ENERGY)
Subject: RE: OFHP Sarnia Echo announcement

Hey,
Thanks for sharing.

This is of course troubling that one LDC may be excluded – not sure why this is the case or where you received the impression that they do not intend to participate (we didn't realize that participation in the Fair Hydro Plan is optional). To be clear, the EDA has provided no such advice to exclude any LDCs, something that we can relay in writing in the strongest language if necessary. It is our understanding that all LDCs will and want to comply with the announcement you guys made and we are getting to work with all our members to make it happen.

Hopefully this all can be resolved.

Thanks,

Justin

-----Original Message-----

From: Teliszewsky, Andrew (ENERGY) [<mailto:Andrew.Teliszewsky@ontario.ca>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 11:41 AM
To: Justin Rangooni <jrangeoni@eda-on.ca>
Subject: Fw: OFHP Sarnia Echo announcement

Justin :

Not getting very timely reply from Teresa - might be on spring break, someplace warm?

Can you help us out with the below - based on EDA advice below we are now crafting the Fair Hydro Plan implementation regulations to specifically exclude Bluewater Power (IE. No smoothing and not taking RRRP / OESP out of their regulatory charges), based on Teresa's conversation with CEO.

Can you confirm if any other LDC's wish to also be excluded from this bold plan as we are moving quickly on implementation.

Many thanks, in advance.

Andrew Teliszewsky
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Original Message

From: Teliszewsky, Andrew (ENERGY) <Andrew.Teliszewsky@ontario.ca>
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 4:36 PM
To: Teresa Sarkesian
Cc: Berry, James (ENERGY)
Subject: Re: OFHP Sarnia Echo announcement

Good Afternoon:

For greater clarity - their corporate view is to exclude their customers from implementation of Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan? IE. They would like to keep rates at current and not implement the 25% savings announced 10 days ago?

What action will the EDA be taking to communicate that one of their own members would like to keep rates up?

Many thanks, in advance.

Andrew Teliszewsky

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> On Mar 13, 2017, at 4:21 PM, Teresa Sarkesian <tsarkesian@eda-on.ca> wrote:

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> I heard back from the CEO of Bluewater and their view remains unchanged.

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> Teresa Sarkesian

> President and CEO

> Electricity Distributors Association

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Teliszewsky, Andrew (ENERGY)

> [<mailto:Andrew.Teliszewsky@ontario.ca>]

> Sent: Friday, March 10, 2017 9:04 AM

> To: Teresa Sarkesian <tsarkesian@eda-on.ca>; Berry, James (ENERGY)

> <James.Berry5@ontario.ca>

> Subject: Re: OFHP Sarnia Echo announcement

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> Good Morning:

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> It would certainly be awkward if they actually wanted to decline to implement Ontario's Fair Hydro plan within their distribution service territory. I'm certain at customers in Sarnia and area should be in favour of

the 25% cut to rates that have been announced.

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> When you connect, would be splendid if you could please confirm their intention to participate in this important rate relief plan.

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> Many thanks for your quick action to this matter!

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> Andrew Teliszewsky
> 416-327-3550

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> Original Message
> From: Teresa Sarkesian
> Sent: Friday, March 10, 2017 8:56 AM
> To: Teliszewsky, Andrew (ENERGY); Berry, James (ENERGY)
> Subject: RE: OFHP Sarnia Echo announcement

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> Hi Andrew and James, I note in the email that the response is from the CEO. I did outreach with her office yesterday and heard back this morning that she will contact me Monday as she is away today.

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> Teresa

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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Teliszewsky, Andrew (ENERGY)
> [<mailto:Andrew.Teliszewsky@ontario.ca>]
> Sent: Thursday, March 9, 2017 3:58 PM
> To: Berry, James (ENERGY) <James.Berry5@ontario.ca>; Teresa Sarkesian
> <tsarkesian@eda-on.ca>
> Subject: Fw: OFHP Sarnia Echo announcement

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> Good Afternoon:

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> James please meet Teresa - President and CEO of the EDA.

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> She's going to connect with this Utility to help resolve this confusion. The partisanship in reference would be certainly from this lower-deck staffer who must have been confused. Ontario Government policy is for the entire Province regardless of if the LDC is personally supportive of the Government or not.

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> To that end, Teresa committed to contacting the CEO and escalating it above the folks we have been dealing with.

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> Many thanks, in advance.

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> Andrew Teliszewsky
> 416-327-3550

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> From: Janice McMichael-Dennis
> [<mailto:JMcMichael-Dennis@bluewaterpower.com>]

> Sent: March-09-17 2:52 PM
> To: Berry, James (ENERGY)
> Cc: McGrath, Jessica (ENERGY)
> Subject: RE: OFHP Sarnia Echo announcement

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> Good Afternoon James. Thank you for taking the time to reach out- I appreciate that.

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> At Bluewater Power, our absolute allegiance is to our customers/communities. These stakeholders depend upon us to behave in a completely non-partisan manner and we would never betray their faith in us. And, although I understand your comments that this is intended to be a non-partisan activity, perception can be everything and in our Community, this will be perceived to be a partisan event. As such, it is due to our steadfast commitment to our customers/communities that we are unable to participate.

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> Again, however, I do thank you for reaching out and I hope you can appreciate our position.

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> Have a good day.
> Janice

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> From: Berry, James (ENERGY) [<mailto:James.Berry5@ontario.ca>]
> Sent: March-09-17 11:36 AM
> To: Janice McMichael-Dennis
> Cc: McGrath, Jessica (ENERGY)
> Subject: RE: OFHP Sarnia Echo announcement

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> Good morning Janice:

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> Thank you for your consideration. I recognize your reluctance to host an event with the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Energy, but it's important to make the distinction when it comes to partisan and official government announcements. Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan was announced by the provincial government last week and pending the passage of legislation and other implementation work, Local Distribution Companies, like Bluewater Power, will be a partner in rolling out measures in the Plan.

> There are a lot of dimensions to the announcement that people should be aware of, since it affects their pocket books and their household finances. And as a result, Premier Wynne, Minister Thibeault and the Parliamentary Assistant have been and will be making similar announcements across Ontario. This isn't about partisanship – it's about helping people, including ratepayers in the Sarnia area, understand what Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan is all about.

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> it's with above information that I hope you'll reconsider.

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> Thanks,

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> James

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> Director of Communications
> Office of Ontario's Minister of Energy

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> From: Janice McMichael-Dennis
> [<mailto:JMcMichael-Dennis@bluewaterpower.com>]
> Sent: March-09-17 10:16 AM
> To: McGrath, Jessica (ENERGY)
> Subject: FW: OFHP Sarnia Echo announcement

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> Good Morning Jessica.

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> Alex forwarded your email to me concerning the Sarnia Echo announcement. Bluewater Power will have to decline the opportunity to be involved with this event at this time. We have strict non-partisan requirements in place and this would contravene our own policy.

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> We do indeed thank you for reaching out.

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> All the best,

> Janice
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> Janice L McMichael-Dennis
> President and CEO
> Bluewater Power
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> From: "McGrath, Jessica (ENERGY)"
> <Jessica.McGrath@ontario.ca<<mailto:Jessica.McGrath@ontario.ca>>>
> Date: March 7, 2017 at 11:02:54 AM EST
> To:
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> <apalimaka@bluewaterpower.com<<mailto:apalimaka@bluewaterpower.com>>>
> Subject: OFHP Sarnia Echo announcement HI Alex,
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> Thanks for the quick chat this morning. As discussed, I have attached a draft agenda for the echo announcement we would like to hold next week. Again, this is not intended as a political announcement but more a chance to ensure Sarnia and the surrounding communities are aware of the changes coming to their electricity bills this summer.
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> Looking forward to hearing back from you,
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> All the best,
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