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Write2us (ENERGY) about net metering.

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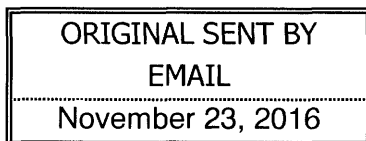
crosbj8@startmail.com

Dear Mr. Crosby:

Thank you for taking the time to send your online message proposing a net metering suggestion to make the green energy program work better. I appreciate your sharing your views with me.

As the issue you raised falls within the area of responsibility of my colleague the Honourable Glenn Thibeault, Minister of Energy, I have asked that he or a member of his ministry staff respond to you directly.

Once again, thanks for contacting me. Please accept my best wishes.



Kathleen Wynne
Premier of Ontario

c: The Honourable Glenn Thibeault

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sendermessage = [REPLY=YES][QUESTION] Dear Premier,

The subject of clean energy and affordable electricity is on everyone's minds these days. The Ontario Green Energy Act makes an attempt to address the desire for pollution-free energy production by offering profit incentives to anyone interested in order to get the program going while start-up costs have been high. Many individuals and businesses are participating in what initially has been a lucrative investment, but it is being recognized that the incentives have ultimately been very costly for end-users and the program has seen cut-backs.

There is an alternative to what is seen as the negatives in the Green Energy Act that is not well known or promoted, and is an option that I chose to participate in green energy, but which does not receive any financial incentives other than there being a long-term benefit of the cost savings of private generation in an increasingly expensive electricity environment. This option is NET METERING.

When solar electric generation was first becoming available the cost for a typical stand-alone installation was about \$100,000 per 10 Kw capacity. That was too expensive for me so I passed on the opportunity. But as the cost declined I eventually decided on a 10 Kw system that now cost less than \$50,000 but which would receive no subsidies from the government, Hydro One, or my neighbours. With net metering I use all the electricity I need produced from my solar panels and any surplus is re-directed away from my house into the grid which simply results in a credit from Hydro One for the Kw hours I give them AT THE SAME PRICE THAT I PAY FOR ELECTRICITY I RECEIVE FROM HYDRO ONE when my solar panels are not generating enough for my needs.

I believe that net metering is a very good arrangement for everyone, except that there is NO INCENTIVE to participate in this arrangement, and in fact there are disincentives from Hydro One because one is limited to only 10 Kw of generating capacity if you don't want to incur very

expensive costs from Hydro One for a larger system which makes it uneconomical.

I suggest to you that net metering connections above the 10 Kw limit should not cost extra from Hydro One (they claim it requires new poles and transformers which I don't believe) which would encourage private individuals particularly to make the investment from their own funds without the government subsidies which would push forward the program to have green energy throughout the Province without new land gobbling solar and wind farms and the negative aspects associated with industrial installations.

Myself, I am interested to increase my generation to 20 Kw with the addition of a 10 Kw wind turbine which typically produces at night when solar isn't which is why I don't believe there needs to be expensive upgrades to poles and transformers, but I cannot justify the costs if Hydro One stands in the way. A single 10 Kw wind turbine is relatively small and quiet and is almost unnoticeable in a rural area.

I would appreciate your views and response to my suggestion to make the green energy program work better.

Thank you.

Donald Crosby
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