

FW: Toronto Sun | Fair Hydro Plan & condo residents

From: "Berry, James (ENERGY)" <james.berry5@ontario.ca>
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Date: Thu, 20 Jul 2017 09:40:14 -0400

Do you have a few minutes today to walk me through below? The ministry's answer is a bit confounding particularly the highlighted section, at least in my mind! Needs some tidying up as well, but I can manage that once I get some clarity.

Q. Do residents of condominiums that are not separately metered still qualify for the reduction in hydro prices? How does that work?

Response:

Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan (OFHP) has introduced new measures to lower electricity bills by 25 per cent on average for residential customers.

The reduction reflects a number of initiatives, including the refinancing of a portion of the Global Adjustment (GA), the shifting of cost recovery for electricity support programs from electricity bills to provincial revenues, and the 8 per cent rebate introduced in January.

GA refinancing will provide significant and immediate rate relief by spreading the costs of investments in the electricity system over a longer period of time. The province has aligned eligibility for GA refinancing with the Ontario Rebate for Electricity Consumers Act, 2016 (ORECA) which provides the existing 8 per cent rebate. This means that electricity consumers that are eligible for the 8 per cent rebate are also eligible for GA refinancing, including all residential consumers, long-term care homes and condominiums. **The reduction will be applied to the electricity bills of multi-unit residential buildings such as bulk-metered condominiums.**

Consumers of all sizes will benefit from the shifting of cost recovery for OESP and the majority of RRRP from electricity bills to provincial revenues, lowering regulatory charges by approximately \$3/MWh.

From: Maguire, Lauren (ENERGY)
Sent: July-19-17 8:04 PM
To: Berry, James (ENERGY); Demetriades, Natasha (ENERGY); Schlaepfer, Martin (ENERGY)
Subject: Re: Toronto Sun | Fair Hydro Plan & condo residents

Hi James,

Please see attached response. Apologies for the delay.

Lauren

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Rogers network.

From: Maguire, Lauren (ENERGY)
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 5:26 PM
To: Berry, James (ENERGY); Demetriades, Natasha (ENERGY); Schlaepfer, Martin (ENERGY)
Subject: Re: Toronto Sun | Fair Hydro Plan & condo residents

Hi James - just waiting on the Deputy's approval.

Thanks,
Lauren

From: Berry, James (ENERGY)
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 5:17 PM
To: Demetriades, Natasha (ENERGY); Maguire, Lauren (ENERGY); Schlaepfer, Martin (ENERGY)
Subject: RE: Toronto Sun | Fair Hydro Plan & condo residents

Hi Martin/Lauren – any word on this response? Reporter requested it yesterday for end of day today?

From: Demetriades, Natasha (ENERGY)
Sent: July-19-17 4:52 PM
To: Berry, James (ENERGY)
Cc: Campbell, David (ENERGY); Whittington, Matt (ENERGY); Maguire, Lauren (ENERGY)
Subject: RE: Toronto Sun | Fair Hydro Plan & condo residents

Hi James, sorry for the delay – still chasing this down.

Hope to have it to you soon.

From: Berry, James (ENERGY)
Sent: July-19-17 4:08 PM
To: Demetriades, Natasha (ENERGY)
Cc: Campbell, David (ENERGY); Whittington, Matt (ENERGY); Maguire, Lauren (ENERGY)
Subject: RE: Toronto Sun | Fair Hydro Plan & condo residents

Any word on a response?

From: Demetriades, Natasha (ENERGY)
Sent: July-19-17 2:14 PM
To: Berry, James (ENERGY)
Cc: Campbell, David (ENERGY); Whittington, Matt (ENERGY)
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Hi James: This response should be with DM for review soon.

Let me know if the reporter starts pushing.

Thanks,
Natasha

From: Berry, James (ENERGY)
Sent: July-18-17 5:25 PM
To: Demetriades, Natasha (ENERGY)
Cc: Campbell, David (ENERGY); Whittington, Matt (ENERGY)
Subject: FW: Toronto Sun | Fair Hydro Plan & condo residents

Hi Natasha,

Can you work these Qs through division for a response please? By 2 p.m. tomorrow for MO approval would be appreciated. Thanks!

Not for today, but hopefully by end of day tomorrow - do residents of condominiums that are not separately metered still qualify for the reduction in hydro prices? How does that work?

From: Artuso, Antonella [<mailto:AArtuso@postmedia.com>]
Sent: July-18-17 5:03 PM

To: Berry, James (ENERGY)

Subject: Re: Minister Thibeault Response to Patrick Brown's guest column in today's Toronto Sun

Hi James: Not for today, but hopefully by tomorrow - do residents of condominiums that are not separately metered still qualify for the reduction in hydro prices? How does that work? Thanks, Antonella

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