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The Hon. Glenn Thibeault
Minister of Energy
900 Bay St., 4th Floor
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PC MPP Ted Arnott
says high cost of
hydro / Global Adjustment
charge is hurting
businesses.

S- Electricity Prices

Dear Minister:

This fall, I met with Tim O'Connor, who owns some well-known restaurants in Halton Hills and Brampton.

One of the issues that we discussed is the skyrocketing cost of hydro and the impact that it is having on Mr. O'Connor's business.

Mr. O'Connor has reduced hydro usage at his Georgetown restaurant by an average of 8,600 kilowatt hours per month. However, instead of seeing a corresponding reduction in his hydro bill, the amount he has to pay each month keeps going up.

The hydro bill for Mr. O'Connor's Georgetown restaurant was \$9,102.34 in total for this past September. Of that \$9,102.34, the actual electricity charge came to only \$1,820.81. At \$4,364.64, the Global Adjustment charge made up almost half the bill.

Your Government says that the Global Adjustment "reflects the differences between the market price of electricity and the regulated or contract prices that are paid to generators for the electricity they produce."

Sky-high hydro bills, such as Mr. O'Connor's, are making it harder and harder for businesses to remain competitive and are costing Ontario jobs. Action needs to be taken.

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How do you expect Ontario businesses to remain competitive with sky-rocketing cost of hydro?

How can you justify the Global Adjustment charge making up almost half of Mr. O'Connor's hydro bill?

Will you admit that the sky-high Global Adjustment charges that small businesses are forced to pay are a result of your Government's repeated electricity policy mistakes?

What action are you going to take to help businesses like Mr. O'Connor's deal with the ever-increasing cost of hydro?

I would appreciate your response to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ted Arnott". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Ted Arnott, MPP
Wellington-Halton Hills

TA:dr

Cc: Tim O'Connor