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PC: Frequent winter sends letter to
Premier, Minister Finance Minister,
OEB and Hydro One criticizing
October 24, 2017 government for Fair
Hydro Plan accounting method.
s: Electricity Prices

Kathleen Wynne- Premier of Ontario
Glenn Thibeault – Minister of Energy
Rosemarie LeClair- Ontario Energy Board
Mayo Smith – CEO and President of Hydro One
Charles DeSousa - Finance Minister

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RE: Bonnie Lysyk's damaging report of the Ontario Government's method of accounting to
hide the cost of 'lower' Hydro bills and wasting future \$billions in the process.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Because of the backlash by the people of Ontario regarding the high cost of Hydro bills, the Ontario government, afraid of losing the next election, decided to lower the cost of Hydro bills to customers.

Since the Liberals, under Wynne's failing leadership, will do just about anything to stay in power, the initial reaction to lower Hydro costs appeared to be a victory for the people and business owners of Ontario. The question was "How would the Liberals achieve this cost reduction?" Most of us do not have the financial wizardry it takes to figure out how it could possibly be done and we foolishly accepted that all was going to be accomplished in an honest, ethical way.

"Not so fast", said the Ontario Auditor General, Bonnie Lysyk. Her recently published report about how the Liberals achieved this Hydro reduction was extremely damaging to the economy. The report says, **"The plan will cost the Province \$45 billion over 29 years. While the program will save \$24 million to consumers, the Ontarians will experience a net cost of \$21 billion providing the Province is able to achieve and maintain a balanced budget over the 29 years. If the Province is required to fund its Fair Hydro Program through debt then the cost to the Province (the taxpayers) could increase to between \$69 and \$93 billion"**.

This is a deplorable situation for the citizens of Ontario. Kathleen's puppets set off to design their own accounting practices in order to show no impact on the bottom line. This accounting practice according to Ms. Lysyk's review is not in accordance with Canadian Public sector accounting standards. This is what she calls **'Cooking the books'**.

I support Ms. Lysyk's comments and feel that she is the person who should be trusted – not the Liberal government who has lied to us time and time again. These unlawful Liberal tactics show contempt for taxpayers by the government and if such practices were to occur in the public sector, I believe those responsible would go to jail. I can't help but wonder why the same standards that politicians expect from us are not practiced by politicians? Why are some politicians, in certain circumstances, allowed to operate less than honestly, without any repercussions?



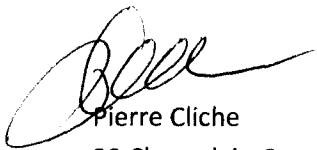
Sadly, I believe that *many more* decisions that have been made, of which we are unaware, will come back to haunt us, and cost us dearly in the future.

Those people responsible for this terrible situation should resign their positions for exercising practices that will negatively affect our children, our grandchildren and the future of our Province. There is obviously no shame in power-hungry Politicians who will do anything to gain power, no matter how unscrupulous their actions may be. This is very sad and immoral as well.

The Liberals must be soundly defeated in next June's elections. We have no choice if there is any possibility of reversing the damage they have already done. The Liberals' attitude to wasting \$billions of tax dollars is obviously of no concern to them. The Hydro file, over the last 13 years, could not have been handled any worse.

The Auditor General was given a mandate and I believe that thanks to her efforts, we have discovered how badly this portfolio has been bungled. I believe that thanks to her efforts we have found the real truth. Thank you Ms. Lysyk.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pierre Cliche', with a stylized, flowing script.

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