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PL: WSU 2160750 - Premier forwards, for information,
letter from MPP Jim Wilson funding constituent concern
re: HST rebate calculation on hydro bill.

DeFreitas, Shelley (ENERGY)

S- electricity prices.

From: Millson, Chris (CAB)
Sent: April 11, 2017 4:16 PM
To: Write2us (ENERGY)
Subject: WSU2160750
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April 11, 2017

Mr. John McCaffrey
242 Pine Street
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Dear Mr. McCaffrey:

Mr. Jim Wilson, MPP for Simcoe-Grey, sent me your correspondence regarding the HST rebate on hydro bills. I appreciate hearing from you.

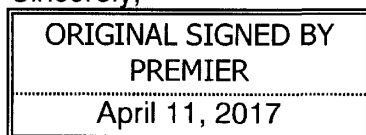
Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan will lower electricity bills by 25 per cent on average for all residential customers in the province, starting this summer. Those living in eligible rural communities or with low incomes will see even greater reductions.

These measures build on the eight per cent rebate introduced in January and other previously announced initiatives to deliver rate relief. And this is relief that is designed to last. Your bill won't increase beyond the rate of inflation for at least four years. It is the single largest cut to electricity rates in the history of Ontario.

I have shared your input about bill calculations with my colleague the Honourable Glenn Thibeault, Minister of Energy, for information so that he and his ministry staff are aware of your concerns on this matter.

Thank you for writing. Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,



Kathleen Wynne
Premier

c: The Honourable Glenn Thibeault
Jim Wilson, MPP



JIM WILSON

Member of Provincial Parliament
Simcoe-Grey
Official Opposition House Leader



February 8, 2017

The Honourable Kathleen O. Wynne, MPP
Premier of Ontario
Room 281, Main Legislative Building, Queen's Park
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Dear Premier:

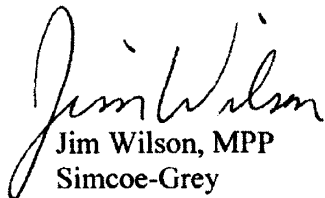
Enclosed please find correspondence from my constituent, Mr. John McCaffrey of Collingwood, concerning the government's January 1st commitment to remove the provincial portion of the HST off hydro bills.

As you will read in his email, Mr. McCaffrey questions if he is receiving the proper deduction. He explains that the total charge on his most recent bill was \$19.67 and \$2.27 for HST. His rebate, however, was a mere \$.08. As he explains, 8% of 19.67 is \$1.57. Can you please explain to my constituent why his rebate was so little?

I would appreciate it if you would review his email and respond.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,


Jim Wilson, MPP
Simcoe-Grey

Encl.

c. Mr. John McCaffrey

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From: John McCaffrey [mailto:jajmccaffrey@gmail.com]
Sent: January-26-17 11:18 AM
To: Wilson, Jim
Subject: Re: Hydro

Hi Mr. Wilson

Thanks for your speedy response, To answer your question, we pay by the month. What I find curious about my garage portion of the hydro bill, the garage is on a separate line and meter feeding from the house service, is that, there was 0 hydro usage in Nov. Dec. and Jan. with a Jan. billing date of Jan. 18, 2017. I understand that each service, of which we have 2 comes with a line charge. I'm curious as to what is the Provincial portion of a hydro bill that used no hydro and is confined to line charges of \$19.67, an increase of \$3.86 from last month, that generates \$0.08 in the 8% Provincial Rebate plan, in savings If you would ask the Premiere to explain what exactly we are paying for on our hydro bills, I would appreciate that.

Thank you
John McCaffrey

From: John McCaffrey [mailto:jajmccaffrey@gmail.com]
Sent: January-25-17 5:32 AM
To: Wilson, Jim
Subject: Hydro

Dear Member of the Provincial Parliament, Mr. Wilson.

My name is John McCaffrey, living in Collingwood, ON. We received our hydro bill today and with trepidation we opened it. The garage is on a separate meter so it works as a great measuring device on hydro bills. Last month in the garage there was no hydro usage and it cost \$15.81 to remain connected to the service. This month there was, again, no usage and it cost \$19.67 to remain connected. On a line by line inspection of that bill it became clear that I had payed \$2.27 in HST and received an 8% discount. the discount, I receives in dollar value was \$0.08. would you be so kind as to ask our Premiere how is this an 8% discount on my hydro bill, as according to my math, 8% of \$19.67 would be \$1.57

Thank you

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Best Regards,
John McCaffrey
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