

Media Call Summary : October 7, 2016

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Ministry : 1 inquiry

Topic : Electricity bills

Reporter & Outlet : Parker Gallant, Financial Post

Response Type : Ministry spokesperson

Reporter's Questions :

I am trying to work on an article connected to a part of the captioned press release and need a couple of questions answered in respect to the line in the release that goes as follows:

"Providing eligible rural ratepayers with additional relief, decreasing total electricity bills by an average of \$540 a year or \$45 each month"

Based on the foregoing can you provide me with answers to a couple of questions:

1. What is meant by "eligible"?
2. If the foregoing is in reference to "low-density" or "medium-density" clients as defined by Hydro One can you tell me how many of each classification of ratepayers we have in the province.
3. Can you provide an estimate of the total annual costs of this relief and
4. Where the monies to provide the relief will emanate from eg: other ratepayers, the Ministry budget, etc.

Response :

TBD

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Agencies: 2 inquiries

Agency: OEB (*call received on October 6, 2016*)

Topic: RRRP

Reporter & Outlet: Brian Hill, Global News

Response Type: Agency spokesperson

Reporter's Questions:

Can you tell me the total RRRP amount allocated to each eligible distributor for 2015 and 2016? So Hydro One, Algoma and the companies in James Bay.

Response:

Below are the total RRRP amounts allocated to each eligible distributor for 2015 and 2016.

Hydro One Networks

\$125.4 million in 2015 and 2016

Hydro One Remote Communities Inc.

\$32,259,000 in 2015 and 2016

Algoma Power*

\$13,757,200 in 2016

\$13,964,000 in 2015

**Unlike other RRRP recipients, Algoma applies that amount (as a credit) to their total costs and lowers their overall rates. It's deducted at source, if you will. Other RRRP recipients apply a credit amount to each rural and remote customer within the delivery line of the bill. In Hydro One Networks' case, for example, each rural residential customer receives a bill credit of \$31.*

Hydro One First Nations (Attawapiskat, Fort Albany and Kashechewan First Nations in the James Bay Area)

\$1.6 million in 2015 and 2016.

Agency: OEB (*call received on October 6, 2016*)

Topic: Yearbook follow-up questions

Reporter & Outlet: Brian Hill, Global News

Response Type: Agency spokesperson

Reporter's Questions:

There's no data in the Yearbooks for Hydro One Remote Communities and Hydro One First Nations. Does the OEB have the same information for these companies as is contained in the Yearbooks for all other companies? If yes, can you please provide this information for 2013, 2014 and 2015?

Response :

TBD

Minister's Office : 0 inquiries