

Media Call Summary: March 3, 2017

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Ministry: 3 Inquiries

Topic: Interview request with Minister Thibeault

Reporter & Outlet: Stéphane Bourgeois, Le Régional

Response Type: Ministry Spokesperson

Reporter's Questions:

"I was wondering if it is possible for Minister Glenn Thibeault to answer a couple questions that we have regarding the announcement made by the Hon. Kathleen Wynne on March 2nd.

The press releases sent to us, regarding the announcement, were sent to us by the Hon. Grant Crack, deputy of Glengarry-Prescott-Russell. They were released in the afternoon of that same date.

We would take less than 4 minutes of Minister Thibeault's time. We could do the interview in English or French even though it is easier for us to work in French."

Response:

TBD

Topic: Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan

Reporter & Outlet: Bob Bruton, Barrie Examiner

Response Type: Ministry Spokesperson

Reporter's Questions:

"Can you please define rate base and tax base? Does Thursday's announcement include a further, direct 17% reduction in hydro rates for local governments, hospitals, universities and colleges?"

Response:

Rate base means the program is paid for through charges included in the electricity bill.

Tax base means the program is paid for through government revenues.

Most municipalities, university, schools and hospitals (MUSH) electricity consumers, because eligibility is based on electricity consumption, would not be eligible for the Global Adjustment (GA) refinancing portion of Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan as they are generally too large to be eligible for the Regulated Price Plan (RPP).

Hospitals, municipalities, and postsecondary institutions would benefit from shifting the funding for electricity support programs (e.g., Ontario Electricity Support Program) to government revenues.

Topic: Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan

Reporter & Outlet: John Crupi, CTV Ottawa

Response Type: Ministry Spokesperson

Reporter's Questions:

"Does this apply to farms as well?"

Response:

Electricity consumers that are eligible for the RPP will benefit from the changes we are making to the Global Adjustment charge. If passed, the proposed legislation would mean a typical residential, small business or farm would see a bill reduction of 25 per cent.

Minister's Office : 0 Inquiries

Agency : 0 Inquiries

