

Media Call Summary: March 31, 2017

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Minister's Office: 1 inquiry

Topic: Fair Hydro Plan

Reporter & Outlet: Sarah Efron, Globe and Mail

Response Type: Minister's spokesperson

Reporter's Question:

I'm the Globe small business editor. Quick question – when exactly is the discounted electricity rate coming into effect for small businesses?

Response:

On March 2, the Ontario government announced the Fair Hydro Plan, which will lower electricity bills by 25 per cent on average for all households and as many as half a million small businesses and farms. It's the single largest rate reduction in the province's history, with rates also held to inflation for the next four years. Any small business eligible for Time Of Use billing will be receiving a rate reduction through the Fair Hydro Plan.

We are committed to bringing electricity rates down, and keeping them down, and will be introducing legislation this session, in time for public hearings and debate, so rate cuts

can take effect this summer.

Ministry : 0 inquiries

Agencies: 0 inquiries