

# Media Call Summary: May 11, 2017

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**Ministry:** 2 inquiries

**Topic :** Interview request – Fair Hydro Plan legislation

**Reporter & Outlet :** Melissa Schultz (Producer), Newstalk1010

**Response Type :** Minister's spokesperson

**Reporter's Questions:**

Wondering if the minister might have a few minutes to join Ryan Doyle and Jay Michaels for a pre-tape at some point before 4:00 today.

**Response:**

TBD

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**Topic:** Interview request – Fair Hydro Plan legislation

**Reporter & Outlet:** Matt Galloway, CBC's Metro Morning show

**Response Type:** Minister's spokesperson

**Reporter's Questions:**

**We'd like to have Minister Thibeault on Metro Morning tomorrow at 7:10 a.m. to respond to the talk from the Progressive Conservatives on hydro rates:**  
<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/ontario-hydro-bills-projections-cabinet-document-1.4110539>

**It will be a one-to-one interview with our host Matt Galloway, by phone or in studio, and give the Minister an opportunity to explain the Liberal plan.**

**Response:**

**TBD**

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**Agencies: 1 inquiry**

**Agency: O PG**

**Topic : Des Joachims Generation Station on the Ottawa River**

**Reporter & Outlet : Ottawa Citizen**

**Response Type : OPG spokesperson**

**Reporter's Questions:**

**Why is the water low upstream of Des Joachims?**

**Response:**

**When flows are high on the Ottawa River, the natural restriction in the river at Klock, located approximately 70 km upstream from Des Joachims GS, restricts water flow and backs water up to the Town of Mattawa. In order to help water move through this narrow section of river, the water level upstream of Des Joachims GS needs to be kept low. This low water level needs to be maintained until river flows have dropped considerably.**

- We understand that high water is a concern for residents and businesses;**
- Higher than normal amounts of rainfall this spring has resulted in very high water in many eastern Ontario waterways;**
- Upstream of Des Joachims Generating Station on the Ottawa River near Mattawa water must be kept low due to natural restrictions that occur during high water flows;**
- Water is restricted from moving through this narrow section of the river so water levels must be kept low until river flows have dropped considerably and the risk of flooding is very low.**
- OPG has been working closely with municipalities and the Ottawa River Regulation Planning Board;**

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**Minister's Office: 0 inquiries**

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