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Minister's Office 1 inquiry

Topic: Niagara Reinforcement Line

Reporter & Outlet: Nicole O'Reilly, Hamilton Spectator

Response Type: Minister's spokesperson

Reporter's Questions:

I was looking for comment from the ministry about the tentative deal with Six Nations to allow the Niagara Reinforcement Line to continue.

I'm looking for details of the agreement and the process going forward.

Response:

The Province is interested in seeing the Niagara Reinforcement Project move forward to completion, in order to upgrade the existing transmission lines between Niagara Falls and Hamilton.

While Ontario's supply needs in Southern Ontario are currently being met through the existing system, the line is still needed and will improve system efficiency and reliability.

The Niagara area is a key link in the province's transmission system. Completing this project would lead to significant benefits to the electricity system by increasing resiliency and providing cost savings to ratepayers due to the ability to access more cost-effective power from the Niagara area.

To achieve this, Ontario has been working with local First Nations and Hydro One towards solutions that support the completion of this transmission project. This work has resulted in a proposal to complete the line through partnerships between Hydro One and local First Nations.

This proposal will now be presented to community members for further input. With support from the community, the project is expected to be completed in 2018.

This opportunity would further strengthen Indigenous participation in the electricity system, a key objective of the Ontario government.

Ontario continues to work with local First Nations and Hydro One towards solutions that support the completion of this transmission project.

Ministry: 1 inquiry

Topic: Fair Hydro Plan accounting

Reporter & Outlet: Colin Ellis (Editor), Canadian Accountant

Response Type: Ministry spokesperson

Reporter's Questions:

1. What firms advised the government in this decision?
2. Is it correct that ASPE were used and, if so, were there components of the standards that are used in particular U.S. states, rather than more generally applied?
3. Did you employ any case studies for this decision and, if so, what area, jurisdiction, and comparables were used? (For example, was the choice of standards based on what electric companies in California use).

Response:

TBD

Agencies: 0 inquiries