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Minister's Office: 1 inquiry

Topic: National Steel Car lawsuit

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Response Type: Minister's spokesperson

Questions:

I am currently writing a story on National Steel Car's lawsuit against the government arguing the global adjustment charge is unconstitutional.

I was hoping to speak with someone at the Ministry regarding this subject.

If it would be possible to touch base regarding this matter it would be greatly appreciated.

Response:

Ontario is reviewing the applicant's materials. As the matter is before the court, it would be inappropriate to comment further.

Speaking generally about our support for large electricity consumers: Starting July 1, 2017, we expanded the Industrial Conservation Initiative (ICI) to more businesses across

the province, including all electricity consumers with average monthly peak demand greater than 1 megawatt (MW). And through Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan, we expanded this program again for those companies with an average monthly peak demand greater than 500 kilowatts (kW) and less than 1 MW in the manufacturing and greenhouse sectors. This program allows eligible large electricity users to lower their electricity costs by up to one-third by reducing their electricity use during peak hours.

Agencies: 0 inquiries

Ministry: 0 inquiries