

RE: Bill 13 committee hearings

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Hi Zee,

Good to speak with you on the phone.

As promised, I wanted to provide you with some more information about both RRRP and the OEB's move towards fixed distribution rates. I've attached documents that can help explain both.

For an overview, I'll simplify that the changes to RRRP for Hydro One low-density customers will bring their rates in line with medium-density bills, which is a pretty significant step-change.

In terms of the move to fixed distribution rates across all LDCs, the ones who will receive the greatest benefit are those with the highest consumption (i.e. in rural areas, using electric heat). Although, the change to fixed distribution rates will actually have almost no impact on most customers, and a relatively small impact on the others. (I'll add from my perspective that it also makes common sense, since the costs of maintaining the poles and wires don't change with the amount of electricity you consume).

The combined impact of rebating the HST and removing RRRP will be much larger than the proposed adjustments to distribution rates.

I hope this information is helpful in informing LIEN members. I'm sure many feel there's more to be done, and I venture that we agree with this and are exploring further challenges.

Despite any reservations, it would still be great if LIEN is able to speak to these measures as – at the least – a step in the right direction.

Let me know if you have any questions, or anything else I can help with.

Many thanks,
Craig

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Hello Craig,

Thanks so much for letting me know. I've canvassed the LIEN steering committee and will get back to you shortly.

Best regards,
Zee

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Good Afternoon:

Matt is away today, but I understand he may have reached out to you with a request for LIEN to appear when Bill 13 (Ontario Rebate for Electricity Consumers Act) is called. I wanted to share the information now that these committee hearings are confirmed.

Hearings are **this Monday** from 8-10am and 4-6pm. You can submit your request to appear right now, and it is first-come-first-served.

Would you be able to let us know when you've contacted the Clerk? We would very much appreciate having LIEN's voice at committee.

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- Witnesses get 5 minutes to present
- Written submissions will be accepted up to: 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 3, 2016

Let me know if you have any questions.

Many thanks,
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