

RE: Bliss tweet

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Including Matt

From: Campbell, David (ENERGY)
Sent: March-31-17 5:58 PM
To: Berry, James (ENERGY); Nekolaichuk, Colin (ENERGY)
Subject: RE: Bliss tweet

CC'ing Matt to make sure we're on the right track here. Matt, Paul Bliss is tweeting about a H1 rate application.

Key messages:

1. Our government has committed to lowering bills by 25%, on average, by this summer. We will be ensuring we achieve this reduction no matter the outcome of this application.
2. This is an application only. The Ontario Energy Board will review it and determine if the increase is essential for Hydro One to maintain service. The OEB has a strong record of denying and reducing utility applications that are not in the best interests of consumers.

Additionally, clarifications in reference to this application that correct Paul's tweet. These are speculative so far – I'm trying to confirm what application he's talking about:

3. This is a distribution application, not transmission. This means that it will only affect customers who receive their customers directly from Hydro One, and not all customers in the province.
4. As an increase to distribution charges, this impacts only one part of a customer's bill. A 2.8% increase to distribution charges would impact a bill's bottom line by a much smaller amount.

From: Berry, James (ENERGY)
Sent: March-31-17 5:47 PM
To: Nekolaichuk, Colin (ENERGY)
Cc: Campbell, David (ENERGY)
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Paul Bliss is tweeting about an RPP application H1 has made to the OEB, see below. David is going to draft a couple bullets. Can you follow up with him with a note on background?

NEW - Hydro One is asking OEB to increase ur hydro bill approx. 2.8% nxt yr to pay for upkeep of towers/lines/transformers. [#onpoli](#) [#hydro](#)

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