

RE: Dx Rate Filing Ads

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Just want to get this to the top of your inbox. Still not urgent, but would be good for Kevin to get it out the door later today. Thanks!

From: Berry, James (ENERGY)
Sent: May-31-17 9:18 AM
To: Whittington, Matt (ENERGY)
Subject: FW: Dx Rate Filing Ads

Hey Matt – we were going to send a note to caucus/staff with a heads up regarding OEB public meetings on H1's rate application. Multiple print media have ads published this week, so we wanted to get out in front of any confusion. We'll also share the list of dates/locations of the public meetings that the OEB has locked down. Can you have a quick look at below and let me know if you have any feedback.

Thanks!

From: Berry, James (ENERGY)
Sent: May-30-17 5:10 PM
To: Campbell, David (ENERGY); Den Heijer, Kevin (ENERGY)
Cc: Nekolaichuk, Colin (ENERGY)
Subject: RE: Dx Rate Filing Ads

Thanks David. I separated yours into a bit of a preamble and some KMs. Clear enough?

Hydro One has submitted an application to change their distribution rates, beginning in 2018. As always, Hydro One – like all utilities in Ontario – does not have the power to set its own rates. Instead, it must submit an application with the Ontario Energy Board (OEB), an independent, quasi-judicial body. The OEB will undertake a hearings process to determine what rates are in the best interests of customers, and set them accordingly.

Over the summer, the OEB will be holding public meetings across Hydro One's service area. The list of the dates and the locations are attached for your reference.

It's important to know that regardless of the outcome of the OEB's process, the majority of Hydro One customers will not see an increase in their distribution rates. In fact, most Hydro One customers will see a significant *decrease* in their rates, thanks to Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan.

Please find below key messages.

- While the OEB does its due diligence assessing the Hydro One application, all residential households will be receiving a 25 per cent on average reduction on their electricity bills this summer through our Fair Hydro Plan
- [The Fair Hydro Plan also stipulates that any rate increases be kept to the rate of inflation for four years](#)
- We're also bringing distribution charge relief to those families that are served by Local Distribution Companies with the highest rates – which include Hydro One R1 (medium density) and R2 (low density) customers

- Under our plan's expanded Rural or Remote Rate Protection (RRRP) Program, distribution charges will be significantly lowered across Northern and remote parts of the province to ensure there is less of an urban and rural split, when it comes to the distribution charge portion of electricity bills – capping these rates for all Hydro One R1 and R2 customers
- These customers will see even more savings on their electricity bills than the 25 per cent on average reduction – up to a 40 to 50 percent cut
- Hydro One customers who live in more urban areas will receive the 25 per cent on average savings from our Fair Hydro Plan, which is providing significant relief to all residential households and as many as half a million small businesses and farms across the province
- Our government heard from Ontarians struggling with the cost of electricity, and that's why we're delivering the largest rate cut in Ontario history

From: Campbell, David (ENERGY)
Sent: May-30-17 1:50 PM
To: Berry, James (ENERGY); Den Heijer, Kevin (ENERGY)
Cc: Nekolaichuk, Colin (ENERGY)
Subject: RE: Dx Rate Filing Ads

Hey all,

See below for some draft bullets. They may be too long – I just wanted to make sure caucus/staff understand the full picture! But obviously feel free to edit.

- Hydro One has submitted an application to change their distribution rates, beginning in 2018.
 - o As always, Hydro One – like all utilities – does not have the power to set its own rates.
 - o Instead, it must apply with the independent Ontario Energy Board (OEB). The OEB will undertake a quasi-judicial hearings process to determine what rates are in the best interests of customers, and set them accordingly.
 - o This is the process which is now underway.
- But in this case, it is very important to know one essential fact – regardless of the outcome of the OEB's process, the majority of Hydro One customers will not see an increase in their distribution rates.
- In fact, the majority of Hydro One customers will see a significant *decrease* in their rates, thanks to our government's Fair Hydro Plan, if our legislation passes.
- Under our plan, we are significantly decreasing distribution rates for customers in expensive-to-serve areas, by expanding a program called the "Rural or Remote Rate Protection Program."
 - o Under the new program, distribution rates will be capped for all Hydro One rural customers (also known as "R1" or "R2" customers). These customers make up the majority of Hydro One's customers.
 - o The savings from this program mean these households will see savings significantly above the average 25% savings across the province – instead, their savings will reach as much as 40-50%
- Even if Hydro One's rate application is approved, this government program will ensure that the rates customers pay will stay low.
- As for the smaller number of Hydro One customers who live in more urban areas, they will still receive the 25% savings from our Fair Hydro Plan, which is providing significant relief to all households across the province.
- Our government heard from Ontarians struggling with the cost of electricity in the province, and we are delivering with the largest rate relief plan in a generation. While the OEB does its due diligence assessing the Hydro One application, customers can rest easy knowing relief is on the way.

From: Berry, James (ENERGY)
Sent: May-29-17 3:16 PM
To: Campbell, David (ENERGY); Den Heijer, Kevin (ENERGY)

Cc: Nikolaichuk, Colin (ENERGY)
Subject: RE: Dx Rate Filing Ads

David, could you please craft a few bullets to help constituency office staff respond to questions that may arise when people see these ads/catch wind of the community meetings? Mostly, how does this application by H1 impact Fair Hydro Plan savings. Once we have some final bullets, Kevin can blast them to Caucus/staff, along with the dates of the community meetings.

If you can pull something together tomorrow afternoon, that would be great.

Thanks all!

From: Nikolaichuk, Colin (ENERGY)
Sent: May-25-17 3:34 PM
To: Berry, James (ENERGY); Campbell, David (ENERGY); Den Heijer, Kevin (ENERGY)
Subject: RE: Dx Rate Filing Ads

Sure, anytime.

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From: Berry, James (ENERGY)
Sent: May-25-17 2:25 PM
To: Campbell, David (ENERGY); Nikolaichuk, Colin (ENERGY); Den Heijer, Kevin (ENERGY)
Subject: Fw: Dx Rate Filing Ads

Let's discuss

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Rogers network.

From: Daniel.Levitan@HydroOne.com
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 1:40 PM
To: Berry, James (ENERGY); Nikolaichuk, Colin (ENERGY)
Subject: Dx Rate Filing Ads

Hi James/Colin,

As an FYI, the Ontario Energy Board will be publishing the attached notice regarding our distribution rate filing in the coming days. Keep in mind Hydro One does not have control of the message itself.

Below is the distribution list. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Daniel

Media & Section	Insertion
English	
Globe & Mail - Report on Business section	Friday, June 02, 2017
Toronto Star - "A" section	Friday, June 02, 2017
National Post	Friday, June 02, 2017
French	
Ottawa Le Droit	Friday, June 02, 2017
Mississauga le Metropolitain	Wednesday, May 31, 2017
Hydro One's Master List - Save on Energy	
Alexandria Glengarry News	Wednesday, May 31, 2017
Amalquin News / Burks Falls - Powassan (EMC)	Thursday, June 01, 2017
Ancaster News	Thursday, June 01, 2017
Amprior Chronicle Guide	Thursday, June 01, 2017
Bancroft This Week	Friday, June 02, 2017
Barry's Bay Valley Gazette	Wednesday, May 31, 2017
Brighton Independent	Thursday, June 01, 2017
Brockville Recorder & Times	Friday, June 02, 2017
Caledon Citizen (Bolton)	Thursday, June 01, 2017
Caledon Enterprise	Thursday, June 01, 2017
Central Hastings Trent Hill News	Thursday, June 01, 2017
Carleton Place-Almonte Canadian Gazette	Thursday, June 01, 2017
Chesterville Record	Wednesday, May 31, 2017
Clinton Record News	Wednesday, May 31, 2017
Deep River N. Renfrew Times	Wednesday, May 31, 2017
Delhi News Record	Thursday, June 01, 2017
Dorchester Signpost	Wednesday, May 31, 2017
Drayton Community News (Fergus FSI)	Friday, June 02, 2017
Dryden Observer	Wednesday, May 31, 2017
Dundalk Herald	Wednesday, May 31, 2017
Eganville Leader	Wednesday, May 31, 2017
Elliot Lake Standard (Blind River)	Thursday, June 01, 2017
Erin Advocate	Wednesday, May 31, 2017
Exeter Times - Advocate Weekender	Thursday, June 01, 2017
Fergus Wellington Advertiser	Friday, June 02, 2017
Flesherton Advance	Wednesday, May 31, 2017
Forest Standard/Watford Standard Guide Advocate	Thursday, June 01, 2017
Frontenac Gazette	Thursday, June 01, 2017
Geraldton Times Star (Longlac)	Wednesday, May 31, 2017
Glanbrook Gazette	Thursday, June 01, 2017
Grand Bend Lakeshore Advance	Wednesday, May 31, 2017
Grey Bruce This Week	Thursday, June 01, 2017

Haliburton County Echo	Tuesday, May 30, 2017
Harrow News	Tuesday, May 30, 2017
Ignace Driftwood	Wednesday, May 31, 2017
Iroquois Falls Enterprise	Thursday, June 01, 2017
Kawartha Lakes This Week	Thursday, June 01, 2017
Kemptville Advance	Thursday, June 01, 2017
Keswick Georgina Advocate	Thursday, June 01, 2017
King Weekly Sentinel	Thursday, June 01, 2017
Kirkland Lake Northern News	Friday, June 02, 2017
Lanark Era	Tuesday, May 30, 2017
Listowel Independent Plus	Thursday, June 01, 2017
Lucknow Sentinel	Wednesday, May 31, 2017
Manitoulin Island Expositor	Wednesday, May 31, 2017
Manitoulin West Recorder	Friday, June 02, 2017
Manotick Messenger	Friday, June 09, 2017
Marathon Mercury	Tuesday, May 30, 2017
Mattawa Recorder	Sunday, June 04, 2017
Meaford Express	Wednesday, May 31, 2017
Mildmay Town & Country Crier	Thursday, June 01, 2017
Millbrook Times	Thursday, June 01, 2017
Minden Times	Thursday, June 01, 2017
Minto Express	Wednesday, May 31, 2017
Napanee Beaver	Thursday, June 01, 2017
New Liskeard Temiskaming Speaker	Friday, June 02, 2017
Nipigon Red Rock Gazette	Tuesday, May 30, 2017
Norfolk News	Thursday, June 01, 2017
Orleans News	Thursday, June 01, 2017
Ohsewen Turtle Island News	Wednesday, May 31, 2017
Owen Sound Sun Times	Friday, June 02, 2017
Perth Courier	Thursday, June 01, 2017
Picton County Weekly News	Thursday, June 01, 2017
Picton Gazette	Thursday, June 01, 2017
Port Dover Maple Leaf	Wednesday, May 31, 2017
Quinte West News	Thursday, June 01, 2017
Red Lake Northern Sun News	Wednesday, May 31, 2017
Shelburne Free Press & Economist	Thursday, June 01, 2017
Simcoe Times Reformer	Wednesday, May 31, 2017
Sioux Lookout Bulletin	Wednesday, May 31, 2017
Smith Falls Record News	Thursday, June 01, 2017
St Lawrence News	Thursday, June 01, 2017

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Stouffville Sun Tribune	Thursday, June 01, 2017
Terrace Bay/Schreiber News	Tuesday, May 30, 2017
Thessalon North Shore Sentinel	Wednesday, May 31, 2017
Thorold Niagara News	Thursday, June 01, 2017
Timmins Times	Thursday, June 01, 2017
Trenton Trentonian	Thursday, June 01, 2017
Tweed News	Wednesday, May 31, 2017
Two Row Times	Wednesday, May 31, 2017
Vankleek Hill Review	Wednesday, May 31, 2017
Wawa Algoma News Review	Wednesday, May 31, 2017
West Carleton Review	Thursday, June 01, 2017
West Lorne/Elgin Chronicle	Thursday, June 01, 2017
Warton Echo	Tuesday, May 30, 2017
Winchester Press	Wednesday, May 31, 2017
Wingham Advance	Wednesday, May 31, 2017

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