

RE: Hydro One

From: "Campbell, David (ENERGY)" <david.campbell2@ontario.ca>
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The below is from spring 2015, and is all I've found so far. It doesn't say much – just that the situation sucks, but not much to be done (in Chiarelli's voice). I'll keep looking to see if I can find anything else.

Hydro Ottawa - City of Ottawa Issues

Suggested Response

- Since amalgamation, every Mayor of the City of Ottawa has been frustrated by the legacy issues involving Hydro One customers who reside within the City of Ottawa – myself included.
- As Minister of Energy, my first priority is to bring about rate mitigation for customers across the Province.
- It simply wouldn't be fair for customers in rural Ontario to pick up the tab for urban customers elsewhere.
- This issue of Hydro One customers in Orleans is not unique to the City of Ottawa – similar cases have existed in Hamilton, Sudbury and elsewhere as a result of the forced municipal amalgamations that transpired in 1999.
- Whatever proposal comes forward will need to be something that could also work for other municipalities in a similar situation – such as Hamilton and Sudbury.

From: Foster, David (ENERGY)
Sent: September-15-16 3:39 PM
To: Moulton, Dan (ENERGY); Whittington, Matt (ENERGY)
Cc: Campbell, David (ENERGY)
Subject: RE: Hydro One

Thanks

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Campbell will send you our messaging.

From: Foster, David (ENERGY)
Sent: September-15-16 3:11 PM
To: Moulton, Dan (ENERGY); Whittington, Matt (ENERGY)
Subject: FW: Hydro One

So this is the boundary issue, Hydro One v hydro Ottawa,

Thoughts on a response?

From: Marie-France Lalonde, MPP (Constituency Office) [<mailto:mflalonde.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org>]
Sent: September-15-16 2:55 PM
To: Foster, David (ENERGY)
Subject: FW: Hydro One

Bonjour David,

What do I respond to this one!

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-----Original Message-----

From: McGuire, Kim (IC) [<mailto:kim.mcguire@canada.ca>]
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2016 2:19 PM
To: premier@premier.gov.on.ca; Lalonde, Marie-France MPP CO
Cc: Darouze, George; Blais, Stephen
Subject: Hydro One

The recent announcement stated that we are shortly going to be allowed to keep more of our money in the form of taxes not being charged on hydro bills. This will be a pittance.

Therefore, can you tell me how you are going to establish some semblance of fairness in Ottawa for hydro rates. Apparently many urban and suburban ratepayers have to pay a premium on hydro rates in order to subsidize those living in rural areas, due to the cost of delivery (I'm sure the issue is much more complicated than that. The cost is to pay senior managers an indecent salary, along with all the other inefficiencies that come with a monopoly -- especially a government monopoly).

First of all, everyone can live where they want to live and should pay the actual cost, not some sort of equalized cost. Secondly, my suburban neighbours a few streets over pay a significant amount less because they are with Ottawa Hydro. In a normal competitive situation, I would switch companies to go with the more efficiently run enterprise. Unfortunately, in this case, we do not have the choice.

The Province of Ontario does not run anything efficiently (the scandalous and continuous waste of money under the Liberal Government is outlined in sordid detail on a regular basis in the media). So if the Wynn Government is planning on privatizing a portion by selling shares, it should go all the way and privatize the whole thing. As usual, a poor decision will be paid by the Ontario taxpayers for decades.

This is an election issue for me. In fact right now it is the only issue for me with regard to provincial politics. Either have fair, accurate rates according to delivery distance (rural, suburban and urban) across the entire province, or at the very least, do what Ottawa voters have been for years asking for: let us switch to Hydro Ottawa.

-----Original Message-----

From: Kathleen Wynne [<mailto:premier@premier.gov.on.ca>]
Sent: April-01-16 4:01 PM
To: McGuire, Kim (IC)
Subject: An email from the Premier of Ontario

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<https://correspondence.premier.gov.on.ca/en/feedback/default.aspx>.

Thank you for taking the time to send your correspondence regarding energy issues. I appreciate your sharing your concerns with me.

The first phase of Hydro One's initial public offering (IPO) has been completed, generating \$1.83 billion that will be dedicated to critical investments in transit and infrastructure throughout Ontario and pay down debt. Our government will continue to hold approximately 84 per cent of the company, and will proceed with future offerings in a careful, staged and prudent manner, while remaining the largest shareholder.

With this transaction, our government remains on track to gaining nearly \$9 billion; \$4 billion of which will be invested in infrastructure and \$5 billion to reduce debt. In addition to the gains from share offerings, our government is benefiting from an estimated upfront gain of \$2.2 billion, from the deferred tax asset benefit, as well as a special payment of \$1 billion. This new money will help fund priority projects such as GO Transit Regional Express Rail, Light Rail Transit projects in communities across Ontario, as well as new natural gas network expansion in rural and northern communities.

It is also worth noting that electricity rates will continue to be set independently by the Ontario Energy Board. Maximizing the value of assets such as Hydro One is part of the government's economic plan to build Ontario up and deliver on its number-one priority to grow the economy and create jobs. The four-part plan includes investing in talent and skills, including helping more people get and create the jobs of the future by expanding access to high-quality college and university education. The plan is making the largest investment in public infrastructure in Ontario's history and investing in a low-carbon economy driven by innovative, high-growth, export-oriented businesses. The plan is also helping working Ontarians achieve a more secure retirement.

Thank you again for writing. Please accept my best wishes.

Kathleen Wynne
Premier of Ontario

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