

RE: KMs - First Nations delivery credit

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Thanks

From: Campbell, David (ENERGY)
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To: Whittington, Matt (ENERGY)
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See below for: The one line I have for talking about the on-reserve FN delivery credit; some positive stakeholder quotes; and then the Ministry language used in the original NR. This is all I have right now, but can work on some more language if more of a response is going to become necessary.

From KMs

- The plan eliminates the delivery charge of on-reserve First Nations, to recognize the important rights and contributions of these communities

Stakeholder Quotes

"The elimination of the delivery charge will assist our citizens by reducing energy poverty in our communities. It also represents recognition for the use of the land in the development and expansion of the provincial energy grid. Today's commitment by the Ontario government is commendable and allows a path forward for greater quality of life for First Nations in Ontario."

- Isadore Day, Ontario Regional Chief, March 2nd, 2017

"Each one of our community members will benefit from *Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan*. This is a step towards reconciliation and recognition of our inherent rights as Treaty Holders. I am grateful that Premier Wynne and Minister Thibeault listened to our concerns and took action."

- Ava Hill, Grand River Chief, March 2nd, 2017

"We acknowledge Premier Wynne and her cabinet for such a bold and humane decision. This demonstrates that the Wynne government is dedicated to reconciliation through meaningful action."

- Gord Peters, Grand Chief, Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians, March 2nd, 2017

From the FHP NR

Providing a First Nations On-Reserve Delivery Credit

- * In 2016, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) engaged with First Nations, including remote communities, the distributors serving them, and consumer groups such as the Low Income Energy Network.
- * Following the engagement process the OEB recommended:
 - * Eliminating the delivery charge for all on-reserve First Nations residential customers and removing the monthly service charge for customers of licensed distributors which charge a bundled rate. The OEB estimates this would provide residential customers an average monthly benefit of \$85.
 - * Automatically qualifying on-reserve First Nations residential customers (approximately 21,500 customers).

- * Enabling greater information sharing between distributors and Band Councils to identify all on-reserve First Nations customers.

The Province is also moving forward in having the First Nations On-Reserve Delivery Credit funded by provincial revenues.

The government intends to introduce legislation that would, if passed, enable the above initiatives. In addition, an Affordability Fund will be established through a transfer payment agreement with Hydro One. No legislative amendments are required for this fund

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Links

NR - <https://news.ontario.ca/mei/en/2017/03/enhancing-electricity-support-and-conservation-programs.html>

OEB report - <https://www.oeb.ca/industry/policy-initiatives-and-consultations/options-appropriate-rate-assistance-program-reserve>

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