

# RE: Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan

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**To:** "Whittington, Matt (ENERGY)" <matt.whittington@ontario.ca>  
**Date:** Thu, 02 Mar 2017 13:08:44 -0500

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Okay thanks Matt. That helps clarify. I'll go through the slide deck now and let you know if a call is needed.

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**From:** Whittington, Matt (ENERGY) [mailto:Matt.Whittington@ontario.ca]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 2, 2017 1:07 PM  
**To:** Rebecca Grundy  
**Subject:** RE: Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan

Hi Rebecca,

Too bad about the invite! I've attached the technical briefing deck, which I don't think is posted online and will maybe be helpful. I'll try to answer here as well, and if you still need clarification we could schedule a call for later this afternoon?

The 25% reduction, first of all, is inclusive of the 8% HST rebate. So the remaining 17% reduction is from two things: the GA refinancing, and from moving the costs of the social programs off of electricity bills and onto the taxbase. The 25% applies to households, small businesses and farms. A 40% percent reduction would be for someone who receives the 25% plus extra assistance through either the Rural and Remote Protection program or the OESP, or both (likely over 50% reduction if both).

Let me know if you have any other questions!

Matt

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**From:** Rebecca Grundy [mailto:rgrundy@capitalhill.ca]  
**Sent:** March-02-17 12:59 PM  
**To:** Whittington, Matt (ENERGY)  
**Subject:** RE: Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan

Hi again Matt

Went through the materials online. Are there any others? I missed the brief at 8 am. Invite caught in spam til 10 am today ☺! Appreciate being on the list though!

Anyhow, can you clarify how the plan would lower electricity bills by 25% on average for ALL residential consumers? From what I'm reading, I only see relief for low income, rural/remote, seniors, and FNs. Those populations I'm told are looking at up to 40%, which is quite substantial! Would the households outside those groups (ie. Ontario's median household income \$78k, after tax \$61k) come from the refinancing of the GA? I crunched those numbers, and if I'm correct that doesn't add up. What else am I missing? Is it the actions that have already been taken and are underway (<https://news.ontario.ca/mei/en/2017/03/previous-actions-to-reduce-energy-costs.html>)? Is it from reducing the cost paid to maintain energy infrastructure not currently needed?

Your clarification is greatly appreciated so I can brief our clients.

Thanks

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From: Rebecca Grundy  
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To: 'Whittington, Matt (ENERGY)'  
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Oh wonderful! You're a rock star! I'll pass along the message and get back.

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

From: Whittington, Matt (ENERGY) [<mailto:Matt.Whittington@ontario.ca>]  
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To: Rebecca Grundy  
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Yes I can send you the materials within the an hour or so. If stakeholders would like a briefing we can have staff do that as well. Just let me know and we can try to schedule those this afternoon.

Matt

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Rogers network.

From: Rebecca Grundy  
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2017 9:44 AM  
To: Whittington, Matt (ENERGY)  
Subject: Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan

Hi Matt

Can you or someone in your office send me any stakeholder briefing materials on the announcement. Will you be setting up any stakeholder briefings on the phone (i.e. Algonquin Power/Rogers)?

Thank you!

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