

RE: briefing for minister

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Thanks Matt.

David, if we can talk at some point today that would be much appreciated. For greater context, my Minister is concerned about the bill differentials between Hydro One and Hydro Ottawa customers, as many in her riding are serviced by the former.

Let me know when you're available,

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Hey Dorijan

Sorry we didn't connect – totally my fault. I'm off for a week and a bit but copying David who has all the answers to everything and can probably help you out.

He'd gotten what seems like a similar question on rate setting from MPP Dickson and I'll copy the info he

provided below.

I'm also happy to connect when I get back and can brief your Minister if she'd like.

Sorry again.

Matt

The Ontario Energy Board and the calendar for rate-setting

Hydro One submitted their rate application at the end of March. Public hearings have completed on the application, and the OEB is now in deliberations. Their decision is expected sometime mid-fall.

- It's important to remember that the Fair Hydro Plan has capped bill increases for the next four years to the rate of inflation. So regardless of the outcome of this application, customers' delivery rates will not be affected during the four-year period.
- In fact, most Hydro One customers received significant relief on their delivery rates through the Fair Hydro Plan (in addition to the 25% on average that everyone received across the province). This means their delivery rates have been reduced substantially, and are going to stay down.

The rates charges for electricity through "Time-Of-Use" rates (TOU) are updated every six months by the OEB. They will next be updated on November 1st, and May 1st of next year.

- Because of the four-year pledge by the government to hold bill increases to the rate of inflation, the results of both of these TOU updates have already been prescribed:
 - On November 1st, the rates charged to customers will not change.
 - On May 1st 2018, the rates will increase by the measure of inflation.

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