

Re: ICI expansion - greenhouses

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Great outreach idea. Thanks Phil - we'll keep working on this.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Rogers network.

From: Donelson, Philip (OPO)
Sent: Friday, March 31, 2017 3:12 PM
To: Wilkes, Johanna (OMAFRA); Ruttan, Craig (ENERGY); Seniuk, Greg (OPO)
Cc: Whittington, Matt (ENERGY)
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Thank you Craig. This is fine with me to proceed.
Perhaps Ministers Leal and Thibeault could send a letter or something to each greenhouse operator when this is finalized?

From: Wilkes, Johanna (OMAFRA)
Sent: March-31-17 1:57 PM
To: Ruttan, Craig (ENERGY); Donelson, Philip (OPO); Seniuk, Greg (OPO)
Cc: Whittington, Matt (ENERGY)
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Thank you for formulating this email Craig! We definitely support this move and are happy to provide any information needed.

From: Ruttan, Craig (ENERGY)
Sent: March-31-17 1:53 PM
To: Donelson, Philip (OPO); Seniuk, Greg (OPO)
Cc: Whittington, Matt (ENERGY); Wilkes, Johanna (OMAFRA)
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Hi Phil and Greg,

We're tracking to LRC on April 10th with the ICI expansion (part of the Fair Hydro Plan). In addition to the manufacturing sector, we are now proposing that greenhouses also be eligible at the 500kW threshold, and are seeking your support on this. More details are below – hoping for a response today so we can prepare the LRC package accordingly.

As part of the plan, we announced that Manufacturing companies (NAICS codes 31-33) with a peak demand of between 500kW-1MW would become eligible for ICI this summer.

Due to some confusion in our communications, the greenhouse sector understood that they would be eligible for the lower threshold. When we clarified with them the focused criteria for the lower threshold, they were concerned about being excluded, and informed us they would be submitting into the EBR posting with their request for inclusion.

For context, when the ICI threshold was first lowered from 5MW to 3MW, eligible sectors for that threshold included manufacturing, greenhouses, data processing, refrigerated storage, and mining.

After discussions with the sector and Johanna, our office believes that we should broaden the parameters to make greenhouses eligible for this most recent expansion. Given the limited number of eligible customers and how Ministry estimated the costs of the expansion, we do not believe this will lead to any greater increase in the cost transfer than currently projected. This would, however, provide a tangible signal of support for the sector.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns, or if we are clear to proceed with your support.

Thanks,

Craig Ruttan

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