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Good morning,

Please find attached the May 18, 2018 issues of QP Briefing and Queen's Park Today.

QP Briefing

Headlines

- (pg. 3) Kelly McParland writes that Hydro One is the political gift that keeps on giving for Ford.

Feature Stories

- **Choose your own adventure: Kathleen Wynne plays the 'what if' game in a one-on-one interview**
 - o (pg. 6) Many of the biggest criticisms of the premier are on the hydro file. The Liberal government's choices on the Green Energy Act and the gas plant cancellations occurred under the leader before her but motivate angry windmill opponents on call-in radio shows to this day.

But the government's arguably slow response to rising electricity prices and the controversial financial scheme it has implemented to deal with them are squarely under her purview.

- o (pg. 6) Those costs led Wynne to seek a solution to deal with them, the Fair Hydro Plan, which has faced sharp criticism from the auditor general and the press for its high costs and the apparent political motivation behind it.**
- o (pg. 7) In a nutshell: The plan includes a massive borrowing scheme that artificially lowered prices in advance of this election, and will contribute to increasing their costs in a few years when they're allowed to rise again, as ratepayers will be made to pay back the cost of the debt, with interest, on their bills. The unusual way the borrowing is structured increases the interest's costs but has allowed the government to keep the debt off its books and claim to have balanced its last budget.**

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