

RE: Global Adjustment Charge - Standard - Q's

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Attachments: Understanding_GA_Jan_2016.pdf (484.67 kB)

Hey everyone,

Unfortunately Trevor is away and no one else has a copy of the one pager. We are thinking to send the statement as well as a link to an explanation of GA on the IESO website, let me know what you think:

"Recently, Ontario's independent Financial Accountability Officer released a report on energy prices in Ontario. The report found that the average family in Ontario spends less money on electricity than in every other province in Canada, except British Columbia. It also confirmed that total home heating and cooling costs are in the middle of the pack when compared to other provinces. While the report notes that energy prices are increasing in every part of Canada, families in Ontario have seen energy costs increase at a pace consistent with other provinces and at a slower rate than Quebec and most of Atlantic Canada.

Ontario has done the heavy lifting in rebuilding an unreliable electricity grid and transitioned off dirty coal-fired generation. Coal was the cheapest way to create power and the source of smog days and harmful pollution. Getting off coal and upgrading our system means that even though Ontario is already in the middle of the pack of Canadian jurisdictions, we won't see the kind of price increases coal-dependent provinces will down the road as they close those power plants and need to invest in failing transmission.

Our government knows that more needs to be done to reduce rates in Ontario, and we recognize that the average does not tell the story of many families in the province. The cost of rebuilding our electricity system and transitioning off dirty coal has been particularly difficult for families most in need. That's why we put in place a plan and launched the Ontario Electricity Support Program and removed the Debt Retirement Charge for all residential users on January 1, 2016. Together, this is saving the average low-income family \$430 annually. And we understand that bills can be even harder for families and seniors in rural and remote areas that heat using electricity. That's why we increased the monthly Ontario Electricity Support Program benefit these families can access to up to \$75 - or almost \$1000 annually including the removal of the Debt Retirement Charge.

We know that there is more work to be done, and that we must continue to do all we can to bring costs down. We continue to listen to families and businesses in every part of our great province on how we can build on our plan for a system that delivers clean and reliable power for all Ontarians and to extend affordability across Ontario."

For information on the Global Adjustment please see the following link:
http://www.ieso.ca/Documents/Understanding_GA_Jan_2016.pdf

Katrina

From: Beaudry, Jennifer (OPO)
Sent: September-02-16 10:02 AM
To: McPhail, Blane (OPO); Xavier, Katrina (ENERGY); Lazarus, Jordan (OPO)
Cc: @OPO-Media Relations and Issues Management
Subject: Re: Global Adjustment Charge - Standard - Q's

Hey guys - Energy used to have a global adjustment one pager that we used as a handout during the AG's report a while back. Is that still around? It was very useful. It could be shared in conjunction with this statement.

Perhaps Matt or Trevor remember it.

J

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Rogers network.

From: McPhail, Blane (OPO)
Sent: Friday, September 2, 2016 8:51 AM
To: Xavier, Katrina (ENERGY); Lazarus, Jordan (OPO)
Cc: @OPO-Media Relations and Issues Management
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Thanks Katrina.

Do we need to offer info on the what the GA is? Seems like she's asking for that specifically.

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From: Xavier, Katrina (ENERGY)
Sent: Friday, September 2, 2016 9:42 AM
To: Lazarus, Jordan (OPO)
Cc: @OPO-Media Relations and Issues Management
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Hi Jordan,

The Minister is on vacation and we received a request from the Standard, we are proposing to send the statement that was sent to the CBC but not used:

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Let me know your thoughts,

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Good morning,

I'm working on a story about hydro costs for municipalities within the Niagara region. I was hoping to speak to a minister or someone from the Province who is knowledgeable about hydro costs.

I am looking for more information on the Global Adjustment charge.

Thank you,

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