

RE: **>Ont<** Electricity IESO

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Draft note for the House today.

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From: Moulton, Dan (ENERGY)
Sent: October-25-16 7:51 AM
To: Killorn, Bill (OPO); Campbell, David (ENERGY); Forgione, Andrew (OPO); Xavier, Katrina (ENERGY)
Cc: McPhail, Blane (OPO); Beaudry, Jennifer (OPO)
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CP statement outline. Something like this.

One week ago, our government passed legislation to reduce all electricity bills in Ontario by 8 per cent and provide expanded relief for rural families. Today, the opposition is playing simple political games with basic actuarial science and accounting standards. It couldn't be more clear that Patrick Brown and the social conservatives have no energy plan to offer the people of Ontario. Leadership is about standing up and stating your plan quite clearly what your plans are and what you would do differently. Our government will remain focused on doing everything we can to reduce electricity system costs and responsibly manage a clean, steady supply of energy. We won't be distracted by these tactics.

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From: Moulton, Dan (ENERGY)
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To: Killorn, Bill (OPO); Campbell, David (ENERGY); Forgione, Andrew (OPO); Xavier, Katrina (ENERGY)
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We're awaiting further explanation from IESO, but it appears this is a massive overstatement of the situation. The following is the explanatory note from the Public Accounts. They moved over to PSAB in 2010 and there were pension changes associated, as there always would be. It would be helpful as we break this down on our side if TBS or MOF was able to provide examples of other entities that have been doing the same thing? I could be wrong, but thought that was something every agency was required to move towards?

I'm also wondering if this is a question about IFRS/USGAAP that the AG was taking issue with? I don't know enough about implications in or against our favour there?

"Effective January 1, 2011, the IESO adopted Canadian public sector accounting standards with a transition date of January 1, 2010. The adoption of PSAB was accounted for by retroactive application with restatement of prior periods subject to the requirements in Section PS 2125, First-time Adoption by Government Organizations.

The corresponding change to pension and other-post employment benefits resulted in previously unrecognized actuarial losses and past service costs of \$80,617 thousand at the date of transition being charged to the accumulated deficit.

The IESO includes a portion of the accumulated deficit resulting from the PSAB transition items in the annual proposed expenditures to the OEB for recovery through system fees."

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From: Moulton, Dan (ENERGY)

Sent: October-25-16 6:55 AM

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All hands on deck over here.

Were working to get to bottom of allegations and to include our comment in Keiths recast.

Minister also up at Estimates at 9am - so give ministry added push.

Rest assured, this issue has our full attention.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Rogers network.

Original Message

From: Killorn, Bill (OPO)

Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2016 6:52 AM

To: Campbell, David (ENERGY); Forgione, Andrew (OPO); Moulton, Dan (ENERGY); Xavier, Katrina (ENERGY)

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Will need it sooner than 8:30.

Need it ASAP we need to ensure that Keith Leslie gets our messaging before his story gets picked up wider like last week.

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From: Campbell, David (ENERGY)

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Yes we're working on it. Talk soon

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From: Forgione, Andrew (OPO)

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See below - can you send us your messaging by 8:30 am? We have an earlier briefing with the premier today and will need to brief her on it

A. Forgione

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TORONTO - **>Ontario<s efforts to ease the upward pressure on electricity rates has been dealt a setback by a change in accounting practices.**

In the government's public accounts for 2015-16, the Independent Electricity System Operator reported a ``previously unrecognized actuarial loss and past service costs" of just over \$80 million.

The provincial agency which oversees **>Ontario<**s electricity market says it will raise fees it charges the power industry to recover the losses as part of its accumulated deficit charge.

Progressive Conservative researchers discovered the \$80 million loss in the public accounts and the Opposition plans to raise the issue in the legislature today.

The Tories point out the loss more than offsets the \$70 million the Liberals said would be saved over seven years under Ontario's new deal to purchase two terawatt hours of electricity annually from Quebec.

The Liberals are also removing the eight per cent provincial portion of the HST from electricity bills, and scrapping plans for more wind and solar power projects, to reduce system costs and ease upward pressure on rates.

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