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Ministry: 1 Inquiry

Topic: Moratorium on solar projects

Reporter & Outlet: Valerie MacDonald, Northumberland Today

Response Type: Ministry Spokesperson

Reporter's Questions:

1. Does the ministry have any information about the company Green Life Solar being purchased by another company?
2. What is the status of solar projects in Northumberland?
3. Can you also tell me the Canada Land Inventory class on 6330 Ganaraska Road, Municipality of Port Hope and if it permits solar mounted project?
4. If it includes prime ag (class 1 to 3) is a land evaluation study required to put a solar project there?

Response:

TBD

Agency: 2 Inquiries

Topic : Number of generation contracts held by IESO

Reporter & Outlet : Rob Ferguson, Toronto Star

Response Type : Agency Spokesperson

Reporter's Questions:

"He asked for the number of generation contracts the IESO holds. He said it is of interest because the opposition parties are saying that they'd like to re-examine all the contracts with an eye to renegotiating them, and Rob would like to get a sense of the magnitude of that task."

Response:

"We provided the total number of generation contracts as of Q3 2016, the most up to date data available:

- * The IESO held 28,031 contracts, representing a combined contracted capacity of 27,186 MW.
- * Of that total, 27,222 were in commercial operation, representing 23,713 MW. Another 814 contracts represent projects that are under development, for a capacity of 3,473 MW.
- * The totals above include microFIT contracts, which are all for 10 kW or less. The IESO holds 24,554 microFIT contracts, which represent 216.23 MW of capacity.
- * The totals above do not include regulated assets (for ex., most of OPG's generation) for which the IESO does not hold a contract.

We also pointed him to the Quarterly Progress Reports on Contracted Electricity Supply, which provides a breakdown of the total number of contracts, as well as the total combined capacity broken down by fuel type and contract type . Here is a link to our most recent report is found here : <http://www.ieso.ca/Documents/Supply/Progress-Report-Contracted-Supply-Q32016.pdf>."

Topic : Global adjustment charge for manufacturers

Reporter & Outlet : Josh Wingrove, Bloomberg News

Response Type : Agency Spokesperson

Reporter's Questions:

"We received an inquiry from J osh Wingrove, a reporter from Bloomberg News. He is writing a piece on power rates in Ontario and asked us about the global adjustment charge for manufacturers -- what drives that charge, what is included in it, what is the history?"

Response:

“We responded by explaining the two components that represent the cost to provide electricity in Ontario – the wholesale electricity price and the global adjustment. We told him that the GA is calculated based on the difference between the wholesale price and:

- o Regulated rates to OPG nuclear and baseload hydroelectric generating stations
- o Contracts with the IESO, such as gas-fired facilities, renewable facilities, and the Bruce nuclear refurbishments, which cover the fixed costs of building these facilities, as well as providing conservation and demand response programs
- o Contracted rates administered by the Ontario Electricity Financial Corporation.

We also explained Class A and B customers and pointed him to the [IESO website](#) for total GA costs and consumption figures divided by customer class.

We also provided some info on the Industrial Conservation Initiative (ICI), which encourages the province's largest energy users to reduce their electricity costs by lowering their electricity consumption during peak periods. We explained that this program has recently been expanded to include those with an average monthly peak demand over 1 MW. Class A customers who participate in ICI pay GA based on their percentage contribution to the top five peak Ontario demand hours (i.e., peak demand factor) over a 12-month base period. The IESO estimates that the ICI helped reduce the five to 10 highest 2016 summer peak days by as much as 1,200 MW. More information on ICI is available [here](#).”

Minister's Office: 0 inquiries