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Jordan, a summary of Minister Thibeault's talk on May 2. This was a paid event put on by the Public Affairs Association of Canada, roughly 50 attendees, chatham house rules. Purpose was to explore how the Fair Hydro Plan was developed and to provide "insight as to how the ministry navigated the complex nature of Ontario's electricity policies along the way". Nothing particularly new noted. Let me know if there's anything you'd like me to share with others (beside Anthy, Glenna, Andrew).

- Told story of how we got to today:
 - Off coal – Estimated health savings (\$70B by 2040?), no more smog days, "re-greening" the system, but this came with a cost
 - Government did not communicate value of the program well enough
 - Demand fell off a cliff at same time as investing in renewables and off-coal
 - Economy changed after recession – more conservation
- FHP – "right thing to do"
 - Told story of this as a government initiative, starting with Premier Wynne speech on rates in fall 2016
 - New TOU rates for May 1
 - inflation tied
 - Infrastructure will last longer than financing period so extending debt repayment period
 - OESP
 - Affordability fund up to \$200M, for those that don't qualify as low income for programs, work with utility to make efficiency upgrades
 - elim Delivery Charge for FN

Other themes mentioned in side-bars:

- Innovation in sector - storage, hydrogen
- Remote connection – off diesel, communities at capacity, so can't build new homes, when generator trips water filtration goes down; microgrids and SMR have potential
- LTEP
 - still writing, due in "short order"
 - extensive consultations (noted how this differs from FHP which was largely a government initiative)
 - will include market renewal and a capacity auction that works for Ontario
- Nuclear
 - more than power, jobs, cancer treatment isotopes 80% from Ontario

Q&A

- Trump impact - when talking to other state leaders, coal is not coming back because: 1. Financing risk 2. Gas cheap, cleaner
- Toughest part of getting to current remote connection process? Bringing people together. Happening now because of political accord/appetite
- New model country vs Germany (GEEA)? Not really a specific model, many models. Ontario is now exporting wind generator components
- Waste to energy stance? Cancelled because didn't need power but support it if capacity can be relied on