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Media: Jeffords, Reynolds,

Podium reads "Ontario needs affordable power"

Appearing with two guests from the society of professional engineers

Smith:

We're not getting the hydro fix we need

PCs only party fighting rate hikes

Went to the public meetings, people can't afford higher prices

Rates up as much as 300%

Thibeault didn't show to meeting in Sudbury

Wynnes unfair policy is a sham, rates will skyrocket after election

Liberals created this mess and it will only get worse

Liberals refuse to deal with underlying problem, contracts for wind and solar for Liberal donors for power we don't need

We've dumped 7.6 terawatt hours in 2016 of hydroelectric power

Our cleanest source of power hydroelectric is running down the drain

More people will have to choose between heating and eating if we continue on this path

Paul Akione of OSPE

Thanks the PCs for providing a platform for their analysis

The province wasted approx 1bn dollars of electricity in 2016-17

This is a 56% increase over 2015

All while we export energy at a loss

We've shared our findings with all parties

We're not partisan and have provided advice to the Ministry for 10 yrs

Curtailment is the dumping of energy because the grid can't take it

We're doing way too much of this

Hydroelectric power is "going down the drain" because we're producing too much of it

Jonathan (president) OSPE

We've provided actionable requests on this file

We had a plan for a 25% reduction that was better than fair hydro plan

While our suggestions have been mostly implemented more can be done

We need to depoliticize the choices the province makes around energy

Need more engineers staffing the Ministry

Engineers need to be there for policy discussions not just implementation

We are non partisan and evidence based look forward to working with all parties

Jeffords: Paul can you address spike in curtailment from 2015?

Paul:

We're generating more renewable energy

A lot of that energy arrives at periods of low demand

We also have a good conservation program which is keeping rates down

We need surplus energy sold at a discount so we don't waste it

We could have sold renewable excess energy at 1¢ per kwh

Jeffords: but who would we sell it to?

Paul:

Lots of people talk about storage but fuel switching much cheaper

George Brown college had an idea that would have worked with discount power and them using it for that idea would have taken the power out of the grid

Industry would want to use it

For example to produce hydrogen for hydrogen cars

Lots of other things industry could do with cheap surplus power

Mars has great work going on for example

Jeffords: Jonathan you've shared these with all parties, do you feel ignored by the govt

Jonathan Aokie:

Have always shared with all parties

Govt has done some things we asked but more can be done

Need engineers in policy making

Jeffords: you're hear with the Tories, worried about looking partisan?

Jonathan:

Well we talked to everyone and the Tories took us up on it

Jeffords: what can govt do to reduce curtailment Todd

Smith:

Well getting engineers involved in decision making is key

Green energy act is a disaster

We're listening and designing a plan

Won't be out til as late as 2018

Jeffords: why taking so long to offer plan

Smith:

Brown has always been clear he wanted to listen before acting

We're undertaking a very comprehensive process to come up with the best plan possible

Reynolds: to what extent might renegotiation of contracts play in to that plan?

Smith:

Well current govt isn't looking in to it at all

We've got a few examples of contracts we think we could cancel without recourse because companies didn't meet their targets

We're producing far more power than we need

Demand is at an all time low

That's what's resulting in curtailment

It's a "dam shame"

These mistakes were made because experts were not brought in when the green energy act was brought in
Politics outweighed policy