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Minister's Office: 1 inquiry

Topic: Ontario NDP platform

Reporter & Outlet: Jamie Mauracher, Global News

Response Type: Minister's spokesperson | Minister's statement

Questions:

Reporter looking for comment on the Ontario NDP platform announced today.

Response:

Statement from Minister Thibeault:

Buying back billions of dollars in shares of Hydro One will not take one cent off electricity bills for Ontario families and businesses. The NDP should know that electricity rates are set by our independent regulator, the Ontario Energy Board. All buying back shares will do is send billions to the stock market instead of making much needed investments in healthcare, education and transit. The NDP are choosing ideology over the people of Ontario. What's worse, they've actually promised to cancel Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan, which has reduced electricity rates for Ontario families and businesses.

Through the Fair Hydro Plan, our government reduced electricity bills by 25 per cent on average for all families and as many as half a million farms and small businesses. Families in eligible rural and Northern communities are seeing their electricity bills reduced by up to 40 to 50 per cent. It's the single largest rate reduction in the province's history and for four years any increase will be held to the rate of inflation. Doug Ford and the Conservatives have absolutely no plan for our electricity system and the NDP hydro proposal offers nothing practical or substantial when it comes to reducing electricity costs for Ontario families and businesses.

Ministry: 0 inquiries

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