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Subject: Media Call Summary - May 15, 2018

Agencies: 2 inquiries

Agency: OEB

Topic: 'Electricity sector primer'

Reporter/Outlet: Michelle McQuigge, Canadian Press

Response type: OEB spokesperson

Questions & Responses:

1. Do you have any data ready to hand on how much the average transmission charge has gone up since the Hydro One sale in November 2015? I'm trying to get a feel for how much that move impacted rates and whether the rhetoric around the issue is justified or not.

We don't have this data on hand so we can't respond to your question today.

2. Is the OEB in a position to state what the main factors behind rising hydro rates may be?

The answers lie in the bullet points in the link below: <https://www.oeb.ca/newsroom/2017/see-how-ontarios-electricity-rates-stack>.

Please note- the numbers in the above link are from 2017 and out of date because of the Ontario Fair Hydro Plan but the reasons for the rising cost of electricity rates are still true:

- Ontario invested over time in upgrading aging infrastructure to ensure the reliability and stability of the grid.
- Ontario decided to be an early mover in advancing renewable technologies like wind and solar when the infrastructure costs were relatively high.
- Other jurisdictions have access to less costly sources of generation than Ontario; some are more environmentally friendly than others.

Reporter was directed to the OEB website for answers to general questions on how rates are set, what the OEB does, and how our rates compare to other jurisdictions.

Agency: IESO

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Reporter/Outlet: Michelle McQuigge, Canadian Press

Response type: IESO spokesperson

Questions:

Reporter asked to speak with someone at IESO to help inform an "electricity sector primer" she is working on. This would include how the system works and why prices have gone up, from a non-partisan perspective.

Response:

IESO spoke to the reporter on background and explained who the IESO, Hydro One, OEB and OPG are; why investments were needed over the last 10 or so years to make our system clean and reliable' and briefly talked about market renewal.

Discussion was very high level.

Minister's Office: 0 inquiries

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