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Subject: INFORMATION: PC Party Platform update

Earlier today, Doug Ford released some details of the PC Party electricity platform:

https://www.ontariopc.ca/doug_ford_will_reduce_hydro_rates_and_put_more_money_in_your_pocket

The details released today focus on electricity rates and they closely follow the November 2017 policy platform:

- Keep the Fair Hydro Plan while promising to review it and an average of \$173 (12%) reduction in electricity bills (on top of the FHP) starting by 2019 through these measures:
 - Rebating government share of Hydro one dividends to ratepayers (average of \$70)
 - Moving conservation funding to the tax base (the November 2017 platform also supported CFF) (average \$43)
 - A moratorium on new energy contracts and renegotiate existing contracts where possible (average (\$60)

Selected Media:

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/kitchener-waterloo/doug-ford-waterloo-friday-1.4638126>

<https://www.thestar.com/news/queenspark/2018/04/27/ford-promises-additional-12-cut-to-hydro-bills.html>

<https://www.nationalnewswatch.com/2018/04/27/doug-ford-promises-12-per-cent-cut-to-hydro-rates-if-elected-premier/#.WuNZ1KqWwy->

Also, recall that the PC Party committed to release a much shorter and targeted platform than the November 2017 one. Some priorities that have been released so far include:

- Commitment to release a costed platform (previously the party would not commit to this)
- Re-prioritizing transportation development of the NWGTA corridor (currently the IESO and MTO are jointly studying transmission uses for the corridor)
- Eliminating all forms of carbon pricing

- Lower commercial/industrial hydro rates
- Establish a “commission of inquiry” to look into government accounting

Thanks,
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