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Subject: RE: Media Call Summary: March 27, 2017

Hi, Meredith. In future, when referring reporters to the IESO, could you please ask the ministry spokesperson to refer them to the IESO media line (416-506-2823) or media@ieso.ca rather than to fit@ieso.ca or any other email address? This will make it easier for us to manage the inquiries.

Thanks.

Mary

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****RESENT WITH CORRECT DATE.**

Media Call Summary

Minister's Office: 2 inquiries

Topic: Fair Hydro Plan

Reporter & Outlet: Anne Jarvis, Windsor Star

Response Type: Minister's spokesperson

Reporter's Questions

Will the greenhouse growers' industry be eligible for the 25 percent break under the gov't's new Fair Hydro Plan?

Response:

Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan will provide an average of 25 per cent relief on electricity bills to all households, and as many as half a million small businesses and farms. It's the single largest rate reduction in the province's history, with rates also held to inflation for the next four years.

Smaller greenhouses will be eligible for the average 25 per cent reduction if they are on Time of Use pricing. Larger greenhouses with peak demand of more than one megawatt are eligible for the Industrial Conservation Initiative, which can help reduce bills by up to one-third. All other operations will benefit from moving social programs off the rate base, which will result in about two to four per cent savings. Ontario greenhouses are also eligible for energy efficiency support through the SaveOnEnergy program, which can significantly reduce electricity bills.

It's important to recognize that the industry is growing. Just this month, Greenhill Produce announced a new $100-million development that will create up to 300 new jobs, building on the nearly 3,000 acres and 81,000 jobs already here. The Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers also expect the industry to keep growing by about 150 acres a year. And just last week, the government announced the Greenhouse Competitiveness and Innovation Initiative, which will provide $19 million in support for the greenhouse sector. This initiative, and others like it, will continue to boost competitiveness for greenhouses, and ensure long-term growth in the sector.

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<u>Topic</u>: Oil and Gas Rights

Reporter & Outlet: Brian Donlevy, Easy 1010/Country 1073 Tillsonburg

Response Type: Referral

Reporter's Questions

When it comes to negotiating gas/oil rights on Ontario lands is there any protection and are there any protections for other forms of energy (ie turbines)? Plus if anyone has any questions whom they should talk to?

<u>Response:</u>

Referred to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forests.

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<u>Agencies</u>: 1 inquiry

<u>Agency</u>: OEB

<u>Topic</u>: QRAM – Union Gas

Reporter & Outlet: Carl Sincennes, CBC North

Response Type: Agency spokesperson

Reporter's Questions:

1. What are the new prices?
2. Why did they increase for Union?
3. Can you speak to the differences between Ontario gas prices in the North versus the South?

<u>Response:</u>

TBD (Note: response will be in French.)

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Ministry: 1 update

UPDATE:

Topic: Natural Gas Expansion

Reporter & Outlet: Eric Nixon, The Gazette Transcript & Free Press (Sarnia)

Response Type: Ministry spokesperson

Reporter's Questions

I'm the editor of a couple of local papers near Sarnia and was putting together a short story about the sale by Suncor Energy of its remaining 50% share in the nearby Cedar Point Wind Project to Fiera Capital, which happened back in January.

http://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/fiera-infrastructure-secures-50-stake-in-cedar-point-ii-wind-facility-611745515.html

1) Is Suncor required to notify anyone when they are selling their share in a wind project - provincial government departments? leaseholders? the local municipality? the general public? Although I may have missed it, I don't remember reading anything about the sale?

2) Do all the terms of the agreement between Suncor and the province remain the same after a sale? Does anything change? For instance, would the purchaser still be obligated in regards to decommissioning the project when the time comes?

3) Anything else you would like to add, just to clarify what happens when a project such as this is sold off?

Response:

Q1/ Is Suncor required to notify anyone when they are selling their share in a wind project - provincial government departments? leaseholders? the local municipality? the general public? Although I may have missed it, I don't remember reading anything about the sale.

Under the Renewable Energy Approval (REA) that was issued by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) for the Cedar Point Wind Power project, the developer is required to notify MOECC prior to a change in ownership of the project.

Suncor would also be required to notify the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) regarding any changes in project ownership. The IESO administers the Feed-in Tariff (FIT) program and manages the renewable energy contracts under this program.

Notification requirements for other parties would be identified in any agreements with the developer (for example, land lease agreements with property owners).

Q2/ Do all the terms of the agreement between Suncor and the province remain the same after a sale? Does anything change? For instance, would the purchaser still be obligated in regards to decommissioning the project when the time comes?

All the obligations on the project proponent/owner, as contained in the FIT program contract, and the REA (including decommissioning requirements) would be transferred to the new project proponent/owner.

For further questions on FIT program requirements, you can contact the IESO at FIT@ieso.ca. For more information on the Cedar Point Wind Power project REA, you can contact the Gary Wheeler in the Communications Branch of the MOECC, at 416-314-6666.

Q3/ Anything else you would like to add, just to clarify what happens when a project such as this is sold off?

Under the rules of the FIT Program, there are specific provisions relating to the sale of projects. For more information, you may wish to refer to the IESO's website to review the details: http://www.ieso.ca/sector-participants/feed-in-tariff-program/contract-management

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