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Hi - Here are some of the paraphrased answers from this morning's committee. Attached are the notes from Bruce's session as well. OPG and OEB are up this afternoon, so I'll send you notes from that too.
Kate

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Sent: May 23, 2017 11:12 AM
To: Jordan Penic
Subject: Notes from this morning's Committee

Jordan – here are some of the questions from this morning's Committee. Recurring themes that may come up this afternoon are OEB independence, renegotiation of contracts and future cost projections.

Timothy Curtis, President, Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro, suggests cancelling FIT5, cancel other contracts or renegotiate, cancel CDM programs, cancel MDM/R, it costs too much and LDCs don't need it for TOU billing.

Questions:
PC

- What are the costs involved in advertising the FHP and who will ultimately pay that price? Ultimately, the cost of advertising the FHP will be paid by ratepayers.
- Does the OEB have enough independence from the government?
- Are ratepayers getting any advantage from the CDM programs? Some are, but the average consumer is worse off.

NDP

- Is selling off H1 in the best interest of rate payers of Ontario? NOTL Hydro advocates for the splitting of transmission and distribution arms of H1 and allowing for more local ownership of the distribution business.
- How does this plan compare to other parties' plans?
- Do you feel the OEB mandate is currently best serving the people of Ontario?

Tanya Giles, ratepayer, Take back your Power Ontario Facebook group administrator. Ontarians have no faith in FHP. Liberals have a responsibility to show future cost projections.

Questions:
NDP

- Why don't ratepayers have faith in the FHP? Ontarians see through what this plan is. They know this is a re-election tactic.
- Do you have a sense of what the numbers (forecast costs) would show?

Vince Brescia, President and Chief Executive Officer, Ontario Energy Association.

Questions:
PC

- Is there appetite in the government, to renegotiate the contracts that have driven up the price of electricity in the province? This was briefly considered when the legislation was being discussed, but it was seen that it would take too many years, would mean getting lawyers involved and the focus was on providing ratepayers with relief now.
- Were you surprised to see in the leaked cabinet documents that the price would go up at that rate in future years?

NDP

- Did you model a leveling out in price as opposed to a big drop in electricity prices?
- Are you concerned that after 4 years, the prices will go up substantially?
- Given the rising prices in the long term, does the sustainability of the electricity system worry you?
- Do you see opportunities to reduce oversupply ?

Tom Adams

Current RPP rate is illegal. The OEB doesn't have the independence it needs.. Financial 'snowplow', pushing costs onto future generations. Given the government's intention, why not use the OFA instead of OPG Trust?

NDP

- Why don't you see the OEB as an independent regulator? The OEB cannot be considered to be an independent body. I practiced with some of these people for two decades and I know they wouldn't violated made these decisions unless someone else was pressuring them to do so.

PC

- What is the transfer of debt onto the OPG books? It's a deferral. It shouldn't be compared to re financing a mortgage because the people of Ontario don't own the hydro assets. It's more comparable to taking out a payday loan to pay your rent every month, and everyone knows you're in trouble when you start having to do that to pay rent.

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