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Subject: Morning News Clippings - Thursday, Nov. 2, 2017

d\plain Good morning,

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d\plain Here is today's news summary. No main highlight; there were a few smaller outlets that covered the new TOU prices (Burlingtonhydro.com), the FHP (Waterloo Region Record) and the LTEP (Kinkardine News).

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δ.:λ1720.:φ1-360.:πλα1ν • The construction of the pipeline started May 23 and was finished on time and on budget at a total cost of \$264 million. **Union Gas received approval for the project from the Ontario Energy Board in February.**

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[d\plainOPG to increase safety measures near Arnprior weir](#) (Insideottawavalley.com)

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δ.:λ1720.:φ1-360.:πλαιν• Public messaging, warning signage, guardrails, the yellow boom above the weir: all are measures currently in place near the hydro generating station. But the weir is such a danger – due to the “washing machine effect” when water hits the bottom – that more efforts are needed, Gagnon said. Especially if climate change leads to wetter springs.

δ.:λ1720.:φ1-360.:πλαιν• A security truck has been stationed at Daniel McLachlin Park, along Albert Street, for several months. It was in response to a message from the public that young people were jumping off the concrete wall.

δ.:λ1720.:φ1-360.:πλαιν• The security guard has made observations and interactions, Gagnon said, which will go into future safety strategies. Of note was boats going too close to the weir.

δ.:λ1720.:φ1-360.:πλαιν• OPG was asked about safety measures at the trestle. Kids have long been known to jump from the railway bridge over the Madawaska River.

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The **Fair Hydro Plan** is meant to respond to widespread angst about sky-high **power** bills in the province. It reduces **electricity** bills for households and some small businesses and farms by 25 per cent.

However, as noted by the auditor general, the **plan** will increase provincial debt to reduce **electricity** bills in the short-term while future **ratepayers** pay the bills. As the AG report explains, "From 2028 on, **ratepayers** will be charged more than the actual cost of the **electricity** being produced to pay back the borrowings."

So instead of pursuing meaningful policy reforms, the government of Liberal Premier Kathleen Wynne is kicking the can down the road and shifting costs from one place to another.

To make matters worse, the government is concealing the real financial impact of the **rate** reduction by understating future deficits and net debt. According to the **plan**, entities such as **Ontario Power Generation** can borrow at higher interest **rates**, further increasing **electricity** costs for future **ratepayers**.

How much more will Ontarians pay? According to the auditor general, almost \$40 billion. And up to \$4 billion more than necessary due to additional interest costs over the next 30 years.

Ontarians are already reeling from high **electricity** costs. Recent studies show that **Ontario** has the fastest-growing **electricity** prices in the country and its cities have some of the highest average residential monthly bills in Canada.

From 2008 to 2016, **electricity** prices in **Ontario** increased by 71 per cent - more than double the national average. **Electricity** bills (including tax) for Torontonians are \$60 more per month (\$720 more per year) than the **Canadian** average. And **ratepayers** in **Ottawa** pay \$41 more per month (\$492 more per year) on **electricity** bills than Canadians in other provinces.

Ontario needs real reform to lower **electricity** prices for residents and businesses. Unfortunately, the provincial government is opting for improper accounting practices and temporary solutions, sticking current and future Ontarians with the bill.

Kenneth P. Green is a senior director, Elmira Aliakbari and Ashley Stedman are analysts, at the think-tank Fraser Institute. Distributed by Troy Media

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The 2017 Long-Term **Energy Plan** was released last week after a year of **public** consultation and government **review**.

The **plan** reiterates the importance of Bruce **Power's** Life-Extension Program, which will see the site provide low-cost, carbonfree and reliable **electricity** through 2064.

Mike Rencheck, Bruce **Power's** president and CEO, said it is important to have stable government policy in place so Bruce **Power** can make longterm investments to secure low-cost **electricity** for families and businesses.

"We are encouraged by the trust the government continues to have in Bruce **Power** to provide over 30 per cent of **Ontario's electricity** at 30 per cent less than the average cost to generate residential **power**, while producing zero carbon emissions," Rencheck said. "Our Life-Extension Program, which began on Jan. 1, 2016, is on time and on budget, and continues to boost **Ontario's** economy in every corner of the province."

The government also recognized Bruce **Power's** other attributes, including its production of medical isotopes, which save lives in **Ontario** and around the world. Bruce **Power's** investment programs and operations also create and sustain 22,000 jobs directly and indirectly each year, while injecting \$4 billion into the economy annually, all while keeping **Ontario's** air clean and providing low-cost **electricity**.

"By extending the life of the Bruce site, **Ontario** will have the stable, reliable, low-cost and clean **energy** foundation needed to further pursue modernization and decarbonization of the province's **electricity** system and economy," Rencheck said. "Nuclear will provide the backbone **Ontario** needs to meet and exceed its emissions targets, while benefitting families and businesses as a low-cost, reliable source of **electricity** through 2064."

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAY-ING ABOUT THE LTEP "This **plan** is a positive blueprint for **Ontario's energy** sector and, by confirming Bruce **Power's** role, along with the rest of our nuclear fleet, it will ensure the province will continue to have a modern, clean **electricity** system that will create and sustain jobs and generate significant economic benefits across **Ontario**," said Scott Travers, president of the Society of **Energy** Professionals.

"Promation firmly endorses the critical role nuclear **power** plays in **Ontario's** LTEP, as the principle provider of the only established, robust, low-carbon, baseload **energy** solution for **Ontario**," said Darryl Spector, vice president and general manager of Promation Nuclear. "This commitment to the LTEP - and, in turn, the associated large scale refurbishments at **OPG** and Bruce **Power** - ensures the province not only maintains, but increases, the development of a highly skilled, well-paid trade workforce. As a result, we firmly believe this development and criticalmass mobilization of skilled human talent following the refurbishments, has a direct contributing role in achieving **Ontario's** broader mandate to restore the prominence, relevance and competitiveness of our manufacturing base, and once again establishes **Ontario's** position as a destination -of-choice for global business investment and an unprecedented exporter of manufactured goods."

"Asthma Canada believes nuclear **power** is an important part of a clean-air **energy** mix which includes **wind, solar** and **hydro**, and is critical for meeting the **energy** and air quality needs of people with asthma and respiratory issues in this province. We applaud the LTEP's commitment to clean-air **energy** to help slow **climate** change, and believe it is beneficial to the health and wellness of the people of **Ontario**. Asthma Canada is proud to partner with Bruce **Power** to support a clean-air **energy** mix for the province, helping all Ontarians breathe easy," said Vanessa Foran, president and CEO, Asthma Canada.

"The ongoing commitment to the life-extension plans for Bruce **Power** outlined in the LTEP is very welcome news. The \$13 billion investment program will be a significant boost to **Ontario** and will allow Bruce **Power** to continue providing affordable, reliable **electricity**, which is a key priority to the manufacturing sector," said Ian Howcroft, senior vice president and legal counsel for the

Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters.

"The **Ontario** Chamber of Commerce believes continued investment in nuclear generation assets as supported in the Long-Term **Energy Plan** will result in a constructive outcome for **Ontario's** economy. Lowcost **electricity** from Bruce **Power** - which generates 30 per cent of **Ontario's** **electricity** at 30 per cent less than the average cost to generate residential **power** - and other nuclear generators will help **Ontario's** businesses compete in a global market. The LTEP's commitment ensures that nuclear **power** will continue to be one of the most affordable sources of **energy**, which helps keep the price of **power** down in **Ontario** for our members and their families," said Richard Koroscil, Interim CEO of the **Ontario** Chamber of Commerce.

The LTEP, which is reviewed every four years, is available for download at www.ontario.ca/page/ontarios-long-termenergy-plan.

Watch a video about the history of the Bruce **Power** site and its role in **Ontario** through 2064 at youtu.be/rJ1MW5E_avE.

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Atlantica owns **solar** and **wind power** plants, **electrical transmission** lines and desalinization facilities in Europe, South America and Africa. The company is publicly traded and based in **London**, England; it was spun out of Abengoa in 2014.

Algonquin is also launching a joint venture with Seville-based Abengoa, which is emerging from a bruising \$10-billion debt **restructuring** that saw a number of its subsidiaries seek creditor protection.

The deal comes after Algonquin spent the past 18 months courting Abengoa as a potential partner, rather than simply trying to buy its assets. According to recent news reports, a number of suitors offered to buy Abengoa's entire stake in Atlantica. In an interview, Algonquin chief Ian Robertson said: "The joint venture and the investment in Atlantica represents our measured approach to international expansion."

"For Abengoa, our partnership was more enticing than simply money, because it gives them the opportunity to continue to develop exciting projects," Mr. Robertson said.

As part of its investment, Algonquin has a near-term opportunity to invest approximately \$300-million in Abengoa projects, and an additional \$800-million in projects in the development pipeline at Atlantica.

Mr. Robertson said the transaction, which is expected to close in the first quarter of 2018, will have an immediate positive financial impact at Algonquin and is consistent with the company's goal of increasing dividends by 10 per cent annually.

Algonquin owns \$10-billion (Canadian) of assets, including renewable-power plants and water and electrical distribution networks, and has 2,200 employees. Abengoa has 13,750 employees and operations in 50 countries and is one of Spain's largest renewable energy companies.

Algonquin paid for the lion's share of the Atlantica stake by selling \$500-million of shares late on Wednesday in a bought deal financing. Investment banks Raymond James Ltd. and Scotia Capital were Algonquin's financial advisers on the deal, along with law firms Husch Blackwell and Pinsent Masons.

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Hydro One has decided to talk with residents with homes adjacent to the hydro corridor that separates Beaverbrook and Kanata Lakes. The conversation will include the future of the vegetation near the hydro wires.

In the past, provincial residents have been bystanders when hydro crews arrive and clear-cut all trees and plants in power line corridors.

The hydro utility has committed to entering into written agreements with each homeowner along the line's north Kanata route - pacts that would allow vegetation to stay if it poses no risk or if the resident is willing to trim it back from lines as it grows.

"This is a big shift for us," said Hydro One director of forestry Tom Jackson.

Jackson said Hydro One staff will discuss any vegetation in the north Kanata hydro corridor with homeowners in the coming months. Nothing will be removed if there is no risk within the "wire zone" - the area directly beneath the wires and three metres on either side.

Any plants or trees in the wire zone may stay if they will not grow near the wires, or the homeowner may choose to relocate them or have Hydro One staff remove them.

Hydro Ottawa will trim trees to an agreed height and the homeowner will then maintain that height as per the individual agreement.

"I think they put together a pretty good **plan**," said Kanata **North** Coun. Marianne Wilkinson prior to an open house on Oct. 30 at the Mlacak **Centre** where **hydro** staff unveiled the draft vegetation management **plan**- a **plan** that drew applause from the **crowd**.

The 115,000-volt line in question runs between the transformer station near March Road and Carling Avenue, to Highway 417. More than 100 backyards abut the **hydro** corridor, which is about 24 metres wide.

Clearing vegetation is part of the **power utility**'s regular maintenance operations.

Hydro One has the legal right to remove vegetation in the corridor even though some of the corridor is on provincial, municipal or private property.

In addition to discussing plants and trees before clearing operations begin, **Hydro** One has also committed to providing a list of vegetation that is suitable for planting in **hydro** corridors, in an effort to avoid conflict between trees and **power** lines.

Hydro One vice-president Brad Bowness said the **utility** is not committing to using the same consultation approach in every case.

"We're learning from this," he said of the **north** Kanata case. "This is the template for the next community and we'll tweak it. But this is not a policy document."

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d\intbl\itap3\cbpat7\plain New group prepared to fight Otter Creek wind turbine project

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d\intbl\itap3\cbpat7\plainThe Wallaceburg and Area **Wind** Concerns group is prepared for a fight.

The group held their first **public** meeting last week at the UAW Hall where they outlined their concerns, as well presenting their **plan** on fighting the proposed Otter Creek **wind** project.

The group is currently raising money so they can try and stop the **wind turbine** project. The group has set up an account at Wallaceburg's TD bank, and estimates that a legal fight will cost at least \$10,000 and possibly much more, depending on a number of variables.

Earl Towell, Wallaceburg and Area **Wind** Concerns organizer, said the group is prepared for a fight.

He said a big issue with the proposed **wind** turbines is with land values.

"It's clear that a series of 650-foot turbines just on the **north** of Wallaceburg is

going to have a huge impact on that," Towell said, adding that the Otter Creek turbines will be the largest and tallest **wind** turbines in Canada.

Towell said there are environmental issues with the project, specifically with endangered species.

Otter Creek announced its **Renewable Energy** Approval (REA) **application** has been submitted to the Ministry of Environment and **Climate** Change in March, for the 50-megawatt, 12-**turbine** project proposed to be located **north** of Wallaceburg.

Once the REA is issued by the province, anyone can appeal the REA to the Environmental **Review** Tribunal and require a hearing with respect to the decision. The hearing process must be initiated within 15 days of the MOECC's decision to issue the REA.

Towell said he's unsure when the REA will be issued, but it's expected to come in the next couple of months, which makes planning for an appeal timely.

"We have to get our ducks in order," Towell said.

"Our main concern is being able to challenge that REA as it comes up and be prepared for it."

There are two grounds that may be considered on appeal, with the appellant demonstrating that the project will either cause serious harm to human health or cause serious and irreversible harm to plant life, animal life or the natural environment.

Towell urged all water well owners in the Otter Creek project area to get their water tested. He said they should get it done independently and pay for it themselves so that they own the data.

He said it will give water well owners proof that their well was fine prior to **wind turbine** construction and operation.

Stantec Consulting is offering water well testing as well, with it being paid for by the Otter Creek group. Towell said there is no downside to getting that testing done as well.

"I will leave that up to the individual to decide. If I were to get Stantec to do the testing, I would get my own testing done as well," Towell said.

Many of the organizing members of Wallaceburg and Area **Wind** Concerns are also members of Water Wells First, which has lobbied hard against the **North Kent wind** project southeast of Wallaceburg. That group has argued against that project due to the damage they say the construction and erection of the **wind** turbines has had on local rural water wells.

Towell said the new group is friendly with Water Wells First and will work closely with them.

"They have their own fight to deal with and we have to take on our own as well. We hope we're able to work on it together because we're all in it together about the same issue," Towell said.

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Byline: Derek Dunn

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d:\intbl\itap3\cbpat7\plainOntario Power Generation (OPG) is considering ways to make its Arnprior weir safer for the **public**.

The provincially owned crown **corporation** appeared before town councillors at an Oct. 23 meeting. Representatives Scott Gagnon and Frank Trzebiatowski called it the "start of a dialogue" with local legislators on how to increase safety give the prospect of **greater** tourism and a growing population.

Public messaging, warning signage, guardrails, the yellow boom above the weir: all are measures currently in place near the **hydro** generating station. But the weir is such a danger - due to the "washing machine effect" when water hits the bottom - that more efforts are needed, Gagnon said. Especially if **climate** change leads to wetter springs.

"This spring saw historic flows causing larger turbulence. Recirculating currents at the bottom of the weir can be hazardous if you are trapped in it," Gagnon said. "**Public** safety is a top priority for **OPG**. We're looking for additional safety around the weir."

He called it a tourism point of interest with more foot traffic, fishing and boating in the area. There is some speculation in the community of a second boom going in below the weir, but **OPG** hasn't made any decisions. It wants to collaborate with the town to find solutions, council was told.

A security truck has been stationed at Daniel McLachlin Park, along Albert Street, for several months. It was in response to a message from the **public** that young people were jumping off the concrete wall.

The security guard has made observations and interactions, Gagnon said, which will go into future safety strategies. Of note was boats going too close to the weir.

Reeve Walter Stack said the weir is "part of the showcase" of town. He wouldn't want it to become an eyesore, but does appreciate that safety comes first.

He said he also heard the message that **OPG** wants to consult with the town before any new measures are put in place.

Afterward, **OPG** communications officer Jennifer Gardiner was asked about safety measures at the trestle. Kids have long been know to jump from the railway bridge over the Madawaska **River**.

She said **OPG** doesn't own the trestle, and that the section of **river** between the **hydro** station and weir is a "grey area" when it comes to who is responsible for safety.

The most dangerous area, according to **OPG** and town officials, remains the weir. According to councillors and staff, safety measures have been taken at the trestle - no trespassing signs, fencing, even police response - but if people are motivated to jump, they'll find a way through.

"We do our best," said CAO Michael Wildman.

"But I think the weir is more dangerous."

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d\intbl\itap3\cbpat7\plain Another well goes bad, but no halt to wind farm; Retired hydrogeologist puzzled with lack of action

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Water Wells First member Dave Lusk has been seeing water wells go bad all around him, so he knew it was only a matter of time before he'd face the same challenge.

The Green Valley Line resident is the 14th property owner in the **North Kent Wind** Farm project construction area to report his well system has been impacted after pile driving began nearby for the construction an industrial **wind turbine**.

"It was just a matter of time before most of us are going to get it," Lusk said, adding his well system was initially "clogged right off."

He said there is now just a "trickle" that comes through the tap.

As with other well owners who have experienced the same problem, Lusk has a large tank at his home supplied by **North Kent Wind** to provide water.

Lusk said he is "pissed" that the well on the family's fourth-generation farm is likely ruined.

He said when his family first acquired the farm, they didn't have **electricity** but they had good clean, water - until now.

Lusk believes there will be a lasting "stigma" associated with these water wells since pile driving began to build the **North Kent Wind** farm, being developed by Korean industrial giant Samsung and its U.S. partner Pattern **Energy**.

"It's beyond wrong, it's criminal," Lusk said, referring to the fact the **wind** developer continues to put up turbines after stating publicly that the pile driving is not causing the problems with the wells.

"We've said this is what's going to happen, this is what's happening, and they still don't acknowledge that the pile driving is causing this damage," he said. "You don't have to be a rocket scientist to figure that out."

Bill Clarke, a retired hydrogeologist with 40 years experience, said, "I never seen anything like this before."

He asked, with the difficulties seen with as many water wells: "Why isn't somebody not putting the brakes on and stopping and taking the time to notice what is taking place?" Clarke, who has been working with Water Wells First to conduct well testing, is particularly puzzled there hasn't been any action from the Ministry of Environment and **Climate** Change.

He said some people are experiencing well interference by the clear definition of the **Ontario** Water Resources Act, Reg. 903.

"If you can't get water from your well, and that's a change from what it was so many months ago, is that not interference?" he asked.

Having worked for clients who had quarries and gravel pits where blasting took place, Clarke said if this activity impacted a well, "the ramifications would be instant, the corrections procedures would be instant."

He added in this area, there seems to be no recognition that people's wells are experiencing interference from a particulate point of view.

In all the cases he has been involved with, Clarke said the quarry already had a program in place through a citizens' advisory committee to hear complaints immediately.

He added the operator responds immediately, and if they don't, the ministry becomes involved.

"I've never had a client where they don't act as neighbours in the area to make sure things are put right," Clarke said.

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d\intbl\itap3\cbpat7\plain Kenney channels Albertan angst; Province entitled to feel alienated

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d\intbl\itap3\cbpat7\plainHardly had Jason Kenney won the leadership of Alberta's United Conservative Party before the commentariat had moved on. Yes, yes, yes, in order to achieve this feat he first had to win the leadership of the province's Progressive Conservative party, then fight and win a referendum on merging the PCs and the Wildrose Party, then defeat Wildrose Leader Brian Jean for the UCP leadership, all in just over seven months and all by massive - and I mean massive - margins. But what has he done lately?

After such a remarkable run there were fewer of the traditional "yes, but can he win the general election" thumbsuckers than might have been expected. Still, there were a few tentative forays along those lines: Kenney is too divisive, too polarizing; his social conservatism is out of step with progressive modern Alberta; he was the opposition leader NDP Premier Rachel Notley most hoped to face. All of which is almost certainly bosh. Kenney might not be everyone's cup of tea, but he has proved himself the most effective organizer and formidable campaigner in **Canadian** politics today.

And he is not stupid. The NDP government, always improbable, is deeply unpopular - one recent poll put the UCP ahead, 55 to 19 - and in all probability needs only a halfway presentable opposition to defeat it. Kenney offered little in the way of concrete policy proposals on the way to victory, beyond boilerplate fiscal conservatism. I suspect this will continue: he is unlikely to give any emphasis to social issues, in particular, however much the NDP will try to do so on his behalf. He does not need to - social conservatives, as much as fiscal conservatives, already know he's their guy - and has all the latitude he needs to reach out to centrist voters.

What he will do, it seems clear, is continue the belligerent defence of Alberta's interests - against radical environmental activists, against the federal government, and against certain other provinces - that was a feature of the leadership campaign. Kenney was not alone in striking this stance during the leadership race, and there is every reason to think he reflects the **public** mood in Alberta.

It isn't just the oil price collapse, from which the province is still recovering (unemployment is down from its peak a year ago, but still well above the national average). It's the acute sense that, at the very moment the province is most vulnerable, the rest of the country is conspiring to hold it back. Provincial grievance politics, of the kind practiced most places in this godforsaken country, is often little more than cheap grandstanding. In Alberta, at present, it is almost entirely valid.

Historically, Alberta is the only province that can legitimately complain of having been the victim of "domineering federalism": the National **Energy** Program may be old news, and may be trotted out a little too often as an analogue to whatever federal policy happens to irk Albertans at the moment, but it was and remains astonishing: in its hubris and its carelessness, in its sheer blatancy.

In the early stages of his leadership, Justin Trudeau sensibly distanced himself from his father's legacy. The straddle he has attempted until now, favouring both carbon pricing and pipeline construction - defending the former as a means to the latter, in as much as it would purchase the needed "social licence" - was plausible enough, and one in which he had the enthusiastic backing of Notley's government. But of late there has been little evidence that the strategy is working. Whatever the separate rationales for the cancellation of **Northern Gateway** and **Energy East**, they suggest a federal government that is rather more committed to taxing oil than shipping it.

And whatever Albertans' complaint with the feds, they look to their **west** and their east and find fellow provinces combining to prevent their oil from getting to market: British Columbia, under its new NDP government, threatening to block the Trans Mountain pipeline, and Quebec, site of some extraordinarily ill-judged endzone dancing over **Energy East's** demise. Throw in Alberta's traditional *bête noire*, equalization - notwithstanding its current straits, it remains one of only four nonrecipient provinces - and you have a recipe for some serious alienation.

This should not be happening in Canada. It is outrageous, in a supposed common market, that any province should claim the right to block another province's exports from crossing its soil, or demand payment for allowing it. Equalization, likewise, has been crying out for reform for decades. Always complex, it has lately descended into incoherence. Indeed it is not even about equalization any more: the costs of the program are guaranteed to escalate, by legislation, even if provincial revenue bases were to miraculously converge.

So Albertans are entitled to feel ill-used at the moment. It is Kenney's proposed responses that are open to question. Blocking or taxing Alberta oil exports to British Columbia, in retaliation for its Trans Mountain opposition, might be satisfying in a spite-your-face kind of way, but it seems more likely to escalate the conflict than resolve it. A provincial referendum demanding reform of equalization, citing the Supreme Court's secession reference as precedent, makes for delightful satire - the court's discovery of a "duty to negotiate" in response to such votes was entirely invented - but is again unlikely to yield the desired result.

What is needed, rather, is federal leadership. The federal government has all the **power** it needs under the constitution to force through Trans Mountain. Equalization, too, is a federal program, albeit one it is constitutionally obliged to provide: it is within federal authority to fix it as well. Both are thorny political issues, without doubt. But both are soluble, provided the political will is there.

It's understandable that any federal government, especially one with a strong

Quebec base, would prefer to avoid them: acting on either would be costly politically. Kenney seems intent on raising the cost of inaction.

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