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**Subject:** FW: OEB Morning News Summary – Friday, Oct. 21, 2016

Good morning,

Here is the OEB news summary for Oct. 21.

**OVERVIEW**

Anthony Furey's latest piece in his electricity rates series in the Toronto Sun focuses on Hydro One's latest annual report, which states they have \$2.6 billion worth of tax rebate that was given to the company by the government in their books. NDP Leader Andrea Horwath is quoted saying she wants the OEB, who she says can make a decision on this, to direct Hydro One to give that money back to customers, not to shareholders. She is also quoted regarding RPP saying: "They like to call the OEB an independent decision maker. That's absolutely not true." This is a clear sign that the OEB responds to political pressure. So let's apply more pressure.

The Toronto Sun also wrote an editorial on the RPP suggesting "it's a co-incidence" that the Ontario Energy Board announced a temporary freeze of electricity time-of-use (TOU) pricing rates on Wednesday, the same day Premier Kathleen Wynne called two byelections.

Lloyd Mack of the Kenora Daily Miner also wrote a column along the same lines as the Toronto Sun column I previously mentioned, focused on RPP and the announcements from the government earlier in the day.

Several outlets including the Toronto Star and Globe and Mail reported on Ontario's deal to purchase more hydro electric from Quebec, framing it as a bid to defuse anger over skyrocketing bills. The deal will be a seven-year pact that is expected to save the province \$70 million, but will have only a "small" impact on household electricity prices. It will however trim 1 million tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions annually, according to the government.

**FLAGGED FOR DISCUSSION**

*\*The following items will be discussed by the communications team on the daily media and issues call.*

- Anthony Furey Article

**SOCIAL MEDIA**

NDP's Teresa Armstrong and Keith Leslie both tweeted about Hydro One's \$2.6 million that was mentioned above, while Lorrie Goldstein tweeted about the RPP announcement.



**Teresa Armstrong** ([@TArmstrongNDP](#))

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Breaking News: Ontario gov't gave Hydro One 2.6 Billion tax break - OEB now decides if the \$ goes to investors or Ont families [#ldn](#) [#ldnont](#)



**Keith Leslie** ([@CPnewsboy](#))

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NDP's [@AndreaHorwath](#) wants OEB to ensure \$2.6 billion tax break for Hydro One benefits ratepayers, not new private-sector investors. [#onpoli](#)



**Lorrie Goldstein** ([@sunlorrie](#))

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Well, this is clearly political: Ontario Energy Board Says No Change (this time) 2 Electricity Prices for Households [ontarioenergyboard.ca/oeb/\\_Documents...](http://ontarioenergyboard.ca/oeb/_Documents...)