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Subject: Daily summary of the clippings- Wednesday, October 5, 2016

Good morning,

Here is the OEB media summary for Oct. 5.

OVERVIEW

Blackburn News covered yesterday's announcement from Queen's Park to push natural gas into rural Ontario. The Ontario Federation of Agriculture says the provincial government and gas companies will immediately develop a plan to install more rural pipelines in each of the next 20 years. The article notes that the federation says the proposed program will require public investment and a viable rural rate for gas set by the Ontario Energy Board.

Mike Farwell of the Kitchener Post wrote a column on cap-and-trade transparency on monthly bills, but unlike most coverage we've seen, he blames the provincial government instead of the OEB. He says the Liberals will show the Hydro rebate on electricity bills to draw attention to the credit, but chose to hid extra charges for gas and blame the OEB and local utilities.

Jon Kieran, a Toronto-based renewable energy consultant, wrote an op-ed in The National Post about controlling Ontario's electricity costs, suggesting the cancellation of LRP 2 is not enough and the government should cancel LRP 1, its multiple demand-side management (DSM) initiatives and the demand response (DR) program. He suggests that could save taxpayers about \$1.5 billion for LRP 1, \$2.2 billion and \$200 million for the DR program.

Christina Blizzard wrote a piece about the Liberals' contempt for watchdogs, focusing on a strained relationship between the government and Auditor General Bonnie Lysyk. That article can be read here: <http://www.torontosun.com/2016/10/04/liberals-show-contempt-for-watchdogs>

Like we saw yesterday with Kingston Hydro, Chatham-Kent's Entegrus got some coverage based on a release about their performance in the OEB's annual utility scorecard.

There was continued coverage on Prime Minister Trudeau's Carbon Tax announcement in various outlets including The National Post, Globe and Mail, CBC News and Toronto Sun.

FLAGGED FOR DISCUSSION

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

- OFA Announcement

SOCIAL MEDIA

The London West PCs retweeted the London Chamber of Commerce's media release from last week

suggesting the OEB Chair ignores the voice of business. There hasn't been much engagement on this but wanted to note a local political party has endorsed this.



London West PC @LondonWestPC

RT @LondonCofC: MEDIA RELEASE: Chair and CEO of the Ontario Energy Board Ignores Voice of Business <https://t.co/kysnwlbxnx> <https://t.co/xlg...>

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