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From: Brian Hewson
Sent: January 20, 2017 11:00 AM
To: Rosemarie Leclair; Lynne Anderson
Cc: Mary Anne Aldred; Neil Brodie
Subject: RE: Wynne and prices - note the line re "rural customer delivery charge"....

We might also want to look at the impact of losses on the Delivery line. They are commodity cost (GA + HOEP) driven and are contributing to some of the increased concern.

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From: Rosemarie Leclair
Sent: January-20-17 10:32 AM
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Ditto IESO and other regulatory charges.

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On Jan 20, 2017, at 10:31 AM, "Rosemarie Leclair" <Rosemarie.Leclair@ontarioenergyboard.ca> wrote:

Thanks Lynne.

Question , if tx was removed from the delivery charge, hie much would that represent to the avge, the electric heat, the small business....

What is the total annual cost of tx in the province?

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On Jan 19, 2017, at 8:17 PM, "Lynne Anderson" <Lynne.Anderson@ontarioenergyboard.ca> wrote:

We are working away on this. This first chart looks at different sizes of Hydro One R2 customers. The purple line is a 2000 kWh customer with usage in the TOU periods to reflect electric heating. Note the decrease in 2017 due to the 8% decrease and the increase in RRRP. We need to check on the 2017 rates for Toronto Hydro but will have a comparison of Hydro One, Toronto and average Ontario tomorrow. We are also doing a separate graph for each of these utilities with the bill broken into component parts.

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From: Lynne Anderson
Sent: January-19-17 10:55 AM
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Fortunately, I asked Ted on Monday to start work on the HONI trends for different sizes of customers (750, 1200, 2000kWh) going back to 2009. I will check in on progress. We can add in Toronto Hydro. We did the averages for the minister briefing in September. I also asked to see if we have any information on how the TOU splits may be different for electrically heated customers. Our calculations have always been based on the average we use for the RPP setting.

From: Rosemarie Leclair
Sent: January-19-17 10:51 AM
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I think we need to pull our analysis together on delivery prices...ave vs THESL vs HONI....and trends pre RRFE ...and since ...Also look at TX. And I think we need it by Monday or Tuesday. The chart we had in the deck is a good start..but Ministry is using different data. If the problem is HONI dx we can advise on how to deal with that....But I am concerned that we set rates for Idcs....and no one is talking to us..So we need to start preparing both a defense , and some options....Is that doable???

"More **hydro** relief for Ontario **ratepayers** will be announced before the spring budget, Premier Kathleen Wynne said Wednesday as she met with a Windsor-area resident.

Libby Keenan, who has a farm with several horses in Amherstburg, Ont., wrote a Facebook post complaining about **hydro rates** that was shared more than 21,000 times. Though there's no machinery in her stable area, Keenan said her most recent bill was for nearly \$600.

"How much do I have to pay for the privilege of shovelling manure seven days a week?" she said.

The issue is top of mind for the Liberal government as anger among Ontarians over the rising **rates** shows no signs of abating, and as the party Wynne in particular - sags in the polls with an election looming next year.

A government-commissioned survey last year found that 94 per cent of Ontarians were eager for **electricity** price relief.

Wynne met Wednesday with Keenan, and during a part of the meeting was open to the media, Wynne said she wouldn't wait for the budget to announce more relief measures.

Keenan said Wynne told her she is specifically looking at rural customers' delivery charges.

The government brought in an eight-per-cent **rebate** on **electricity** bills as of Jan. 1, but Keenan called that a drop in the bucket. Wynne has said high **electricity** prices are her "mistake" and has vowed to find more ways to lower **rates** and reduce the burden on consumers.

Auditor general Bonnie Lysyk has said the **electricity** portion of **hydro** bills for homes and small businesses rose 70 per cent between 2006 and 2014.

Before the meeting, Keenan said she wanted the government to stop the sell-off of **Hydro** One - 30 per cent has been sold but the government intends to sell 60 - and have the CEO take a pay cut, when so many of the company's customers are struggling with bills.

"Do we not have any ability to say, 'I don't care who you are, I don't care if you're the pope, you don't deserve \$4M a year?'" Keenan said. "He's not working as hard as I am. Send him to me for a week and I'll show him."

After the meeting, Keenan said it was a productive conversation.

"I was not being patted on the hand and being told, 'Too bad for you.'"

Also at the legislature Wednesday, the Canadian Federation of Independent Business presented a survey of 2,965 of its small business members and half said their **electricity** bills had risen more than 20 per cent in the past three years. More than half said those increases had led them to increase the prices of their products or services.

The vast majority - 86 per cent - said that it wasn't possible for them to move their **electricity** consumption away from on-peak periods, when the cost is the highest.

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