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Rose here is a message to employees for your consideration. Julie has seen as well is good with it.

I think less is more at this point and waiting till we have more detailed information. We can always update as more information becomes available.

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Message from Rosemarie Leclair

This morning, the Premier announced a number of measures intended to lower costs for all Ontario residential electricity customers. [Read the government's news release and background materials.](#)

Broad measures to be put in place including:

- Funding programs like the Rural and Remote Rate Protection(RRRP) and the Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP) from taxes rather than through rates;
- Smoothing costs associated with new investments in generation over a longer period;
- Putting additional supports in place for vulnerable and rural/remote consumers, by expanding the RRRP, introducing a First Nations Rate, increasing the OESP, and establishing an "affordability fund" to assist in financing conservation measures.

While we now have direction, there are many details to work out and the full implications to the work of the OEB still have to be determined. We will work with the government as needed as it develops the legislation to give effect to these changes.

For now, it is business as usual in the delivery of programs and the adjudication of applications that are before us.

