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I see Mayo comments...is there something in Ministry deck that shows expediting move to fixed rates???

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March 3 at 1:45 p.m. — Ottawa

Ottawa-area MPPs Bob Chiarelli, Nathalie Des Rosiers, John Fraser, Marie France Lalonde and Yasir Naqvi will announce Ontario's plan to lower electricity bills and **ensure fairness at Hydro Ottawa**.

Responses to hydro plan

Ontario Progressive Conservative Party

PC leader **Patrick Brown** called the Liberal's "Fair Hydro Fund" an 11th hour shell game that will cost taxpayers \$14 billion. Brown said Premier Wynne admitted to making years of mistakes on hydro but is doing nothing to stop green energy contracts that are the root of the problem.

Brown called the move a "Band-Aid on a bullet wound" and said a detailed PC plan will be announced soon.

Ontario New Democratic Party

NDP leader **Andrea Horwath** said Wynne's new hydro subsidy will reward bankers while families continue to pay: "She's spending \$40 billion to buy some pre-election political relief for herself and her party – and failing to fix the system."

Horwath said unlike the NDP plan to return Hydro One to public hands, Wynne's "slapdash plan fails to fix the root cause of high hydro bills."

Green Party of Ontario

Green Party of Ontario leader **Mike Schreiner** said “silly season” has started at Queen’s Park: “Magic math and accounting tricks won’t fix Ontario’s electricity system ... Say whatever it takes to get votes. So I want to know - who’s going to come out with a 100 per cent hydro rate reduction?”

Schreiner called on the government to target rate rebates to people with low incomes and invest in conservation and energy efficiency.

Utilities

Hydro One CEO **Mayo Schmidt** said Hydro One customers will see their bills drop by an average of 31 per cent as early as the summer. He lauded the government for reducing the Global Adjustment charge by 20 per cent; reducing the delivery charge for low density customers; and accelerating the move to more fixed delivery charges.

Schmidt thanked the government for consulting with Hydro One and accepting its advice. The Electricity Distributors Association also welcomed the plan. EDA chair **Todd Wilcox** said he is glad the province listened to the EDA’s proposal to move the burden of paying for the OESP and the RRRP program off of electricity bills onto the tax base.

Business community

The Canadian Federation of Independent Businesses called the Liberal plan “short-term relief for longer term cost.” CFIB vice president **Plamen Petkov** said we should not lose sight of longer-term implications of the costs of this plan, especially if interest rates rise. Canadian Taxpayers Federation Ontario director **Christine Van Geyn** said the problem with remortgaging the Global Adjustment is that the equipment it pays for has a natural lifespan. Van Geyn said Ontario will be paying for expensive refurbishments to keep contracts alive or will be paying for equipment that has stopped working: “It’s nothing like a mortgage, because you can keep living in your house once you’ve paid it off.”

New lobbyist registrations

Client — Bruce Power Limited Partnership

Consultant — Gabriela Gonzalez

Firm — Crestview Strategy

§ Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:

o **Help raise Bruce Power’s profile** among some ministers and MPPs. Support **Bruce Power’s submission to the province’s Long-Term Energy Plan**.

o The Ministry of Energy reviews its Long-Term Energy Plan every three years. As part of the public consultation period, the Ministry invites feedback from the public.

o Bruce Power welcomes the LTEP review and took the opportunity to outline why the Ministry should maintain its commitment to Ontario’s nuclear energy sector, including the **Life-Extension Program at Bruce Power**, which will see its eight units operate through 2064.

Client — Cadillac Fairview Corporation Limited

Consultant — Chris Benedetti (also serves as Director of the Association of Power Producers of Ontario (**APPrO**),)

Firm — Sussex Strategy Group

§ Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:

o To **advise the government** on policy instruments for consideration in the area of energy efficiency, **conservation, net metering, and pricing** as it pertains to the development of the Ontario Long-Term Energy Plan, as well as other programs in the area of conservation and demand management.

Organization — Ontario Energy Association

Consultant — **Roy Hrab** and Vince Brescia

§ Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:

o As appropriate, monitoring for any legislation, regulation, and other regulatory instrument that may be proposed about energy, consumer protection, the environment, occupational health and safety, energy workforce skills, finance, natural resources, economic development and innovation, infrastructure.

o **Bill 27** - As appropriate, monitoring of Bill 27 for its impact on / about energy, consumer protection, finance, natural resources, economic development and innovation, infrastructure.

Organization — Alectra Utilities

Consultant — Tamara Heisler

§ Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:

o To provide input related to tax policy and regulatory measures in support of electric utility consolidation as well as other policy initiatives related to the electricity sector including conservation, climate change strategies and renewable energy.

Client — Windstream LLC

Consultant — Lanny Cardow

Firm — Navigator Limited

§ Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:

o Meet with members of the government and opposition in order to better understand and encourage resolution on the Ontario government's offshore wind power moratorium, especially in relation to Windstream's contract with the Ontario government for 300 Mw of offshore wind power, off the coast of Wolfe Island, and whether it will change in light of a NAFTA ruling against the government of Canada related to this project.

Client — Alectra Utilities Corporation

Consultant — Chris Benedetti and Sarah Simmons

Firm — Sussex Strategy Group

§ Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:

- o To provide input into the development of policies and programs related to conservation and demand management, renewable power generation, energy storage, and anticipated input into the development of the Long Term Energy Plan.
- o In addition, to provide recommendations on policies and programs related to the consolidation of Municipal Electricity Utilities in Ontario, particularly policy related to transfer and departure taxes.

Lobbyist re-registrations and amended registrations

Client — EnerCare Inc.

Consultant — Barry Campbell

Firm — Campbell Strategies

§ Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:

- o Review of the energy conservation provisions under the Green Energy and Green Economy Act particularly Ontario's Conservation First strategy.
- o Enhancing consumer protection and enforcement under the Consumer Protection Act.
- o Working on the phase-out of the Ontario Clean Energy Benefit.
- o Keeping apprised of any issues that may arise with Ontario's Smart Metering Initiative, particularly in relation to sub-metering.

Organization — Union Gas

Consultant — Various in-house lobbyists

§ Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:

- o Lobbying focus is on engaging in the provincial policy development process by providing the government with the most up-to-date and current information on provincial gas supply/demand forecasts, short and long term price projections, our capital expansion projects, as well as an overview on the energy conservation programs that we offer to our residential, commercial and industrial customers.
- o Current activities relate to implementation of government commitment to expand natural gas access to rural & northern.
- o Also engaged in discussions related to Ontario's proposed cap and trade program, including opportunities to leverage natural gas to achieve GHG reductions and cost-savings for long-haul transportation.

Client — Bruce Power Inc.

Consultant — Ramiro Mora

Firm — CWell Consulting

§ Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:

- o Raising awareness about Bruce Power's electricity initiatives generally, arranging introductory meetings with opposition members.
- o Tours of Bruce Power Facility and continuous contact and briefings in regards to Bruce Power initiatives such as affordable energy, electric vehicles and healthcare issues - Cobalt-60.

Client — Brookfield Asset Management Inc.

Consultant — Sarah Simmons

Firm — Sussex Strategy Group

§ Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:

- o To advance Brookfield's interests in energy-related policy in Ontario, particularly related to **hydroelectric generation** as well as **inter-jurisdictional energy trading**.
- o Also on matters related to the Advisory Council on Government Assets and potential restructuring of the distribution and transmission sector in Ontario; transmission planning and procurement; storage and smart grid technologies; and Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) deliberations on capacity markets, capacity auctions, and electricity agreements with adjacent markets.

Client — Oracle Power

Consultant — Chris Benedetti and Sarah Simmons

Firm — Sussex Strategy Group

§ Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:

- o Providing advice with respect to energy conservation and demand response (DR) programs for residential customers. Identifying barriers to residential sector participation in current programs and providing recommendations for enabling residential sector participation.
- o Coordinating briefings regarding results of current Ontario pilot programs in conservation and behavioural demand management. Desired outcome would be the inclusion of Home Energy Reports in local distribution company (LDC) conservation plans and the ability to participate in the Independent Electricity System Operator's DR future auctions.

Client — Union Gas

Consultant — Brian Teefym Leslie Noble and Andrew Steele

Firm — StrategyCorp Inc.

§ Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:

- o Monitoring matters pertaining to the transportation, distribution and storage of natural gas in the province, including natural gas supply issues. Monitoring energy competition matters between electricity and natural gas.
- o Educate government officials on the value of natural gas in achieving the government's climate change goals and promote natural gas based complimentary measures that will reduce the carbon footprint in Ontario.

