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Question period

PC questions

Cap-and-trade

- PC leader Patrick Brown called on the government to make the cost of its cap-and trade program visible on natural gas bills.
- Brown called cap and trade a \$1.9 billion cash grab used to flatter voters.
- He said “all bets are off” on the cost of the program once Ontario joins the California—Quebec carbon market next year, noting the last carbon auction only sold 18 per cent of available permits.
 - o Environment Minister Glen Murray said Brown is a “man with no plan” and that the cost of doing nothing on climate change would be catastrophic.
 - o Murray said the decision not to list cap-and-trade costs on bills was **made by the OEB**.

NDP questions

- NDP deputy leader Jagmeet Singh said women are disproportionately affected by high hydro bills. He said single mothers need a permanent solution that will actually keep hydro bills down, rather than a plan to help bankers.
- Evoking a woman in Sault Ste. Marie who can only afford to heat one room of her apartment, Singh called for an end to mandatory time-of-use pricing.
 - o Energy Minister Glenn Thibeault said people living on the outskirts of Sault Ste. Marie will see their bills reduced by 40-50 per cent.

Hydro rates for medium-sized businesses

- NDP MPP Sarah Campbell said medium-sized businesses like Nickel Lake Lumber sawmill in Fort Frances will not benefit from the Liberals new hydro plan because it is too big to receive the 25 per cent small business credits, but is too small to participate in the expanded Industrial Conservation Initiative.
 - o Energy Minister Glenn Thibeault said forestry companies like Resolute Forest Products and Tembec have told him their northern Ontario hydro costs are among the lowest they pay anywhere in North America.

New lobbyist registrations

Client — s2e Technologies

Consultant — Robyn Gray

Firm — Sussex Strategy Group Inc.

§ Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:

- o To participate on behalf of the client in the Ministry of Energy's consultation on proposed changes to the **net-metering regulation**. To facilitate the submission of recommendations on behalf of the client.
- o To provide advice with respect to a development community which includes, housing, commercial and industrial uses, as well as distributed generation, electric vehicles, smart-grid, clean tech, etc. To explore options with respect to the potential use of provincial lands. To provide advice with respect to the Climate Change Action Plan as it pertains to net-zero energy home and community development.

Client — URENCO Group

Consultant — Luc Levasseur

Firm — NATIONAL Public Relations

§ Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:

- o U - Battery® Consortium, led by URENCO, is developing a micro nuclear reactor that holds the potential of providing low emission energy that can be deployed locally without a requirement for an **electricity grid**.
- o Lobbying activity includes communications with provincial officials and arranging meetings regarding the potential for this technology, the path to licensing it, and the potential for the Government of Ontario to support it.

Client — The Corporations of the Municipalities of Kincadrine, Arran-Elderslie and Township of Huron-Kinloss

Consultant — Mark Rodger

Firm — Borden Ladner Gervais LLP

§ Name or Description of Policy, Program or Decision:

- o **Natural gas expansion** funding for small and rural municipalities.
- o The goal is to understand the natural gas loan and grant program and apply for funding from these programs.

