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Question period

PC lead-off

Hydro rates

- PC leader Patrick Brown kicked off question period by asking about Hydro One's recent request for a rate increase. He called on the premier to block any future hydro rate increases.
 - o Brown asked why Hydro One is raising costs for Ontarians while simultaneously spending \$6.7 billion to acquire U.S.-based utility Avista.
- Premier Kathleen Wynne responded by praising the Fair Hydro Plan's success in reducing electricity bills by between 25 and 50 per cent over the summer.
 - o She noted that under the Fair Hydro Plan all rate hikes, including the increase requested by Hydro One, will be held to inflation for the next four years.