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The hydro rates in Ontario are already crippling. We have seen case after case of residents in this province struggling to find enough to either buy groceries or pay for hydro. We are greatly annoyed with the shell game being played by the government providing a temporary break in hydro rates and at the same time allowing such an increase as applied for with this current application. Approval of this requested increase would be an absolute disgrace and given the expected increases following the next provincial election will result in strangling costs to hydro rate payers making the so called present rate reduction a joke. PLEASE REJECT THIS APPLICATION REQUEST.

The following is an excerpt taken from the Toronto Sun Thursday May 11, 2017 'DESPERATE GOVERNMENT'

It's no coincidence that secret Liberal documents show hydro rates will skyrocket after next summer's provincial election, says the Progressive Conservative energy critic.

MPP Todd Smith slammed the government's plan to slash hydro rates by borrowing billions, saying documents leaked to the Tories by a "whistleblower" show the true cost of the scheme.

He called the reduction plan a "desperate" ploy ahead of the key 2018 vote.

"They are simply borrowing to get them through the next election and (are) not dealing with the underlying reason why our electricity prices are as high as they are," he said.

"This is a desperate government. This is a desperate issue for this government. They've created legislation that we're only getting a few days to look at."

Smith also said the documents suggest the government plans to resurrect the much-hated debt retirement charge. That fee, which was recently curtailed by the government, added about \$4 to \$5 on

the average bill.

But the new Clean Energy Adjustment, which will be placed on bills in the late 2020s to help pay down the debt created by the Liberal's rate cut, will be like the retirement charge "on steroids," Smith insisted.

Energy Minister Glenn Thibeault denied people will once again have to pay a debt retirement charge.

NDP energy critic Peter Tabuns said he believes the cabinet document is legitimate and it points out what his party has been saying all along: The Liberal plan doesn't address the hydro problem.

"It just means that the Liberals allow all of the things that are driving higher prices to continue to be there," he said. "They're able to suppress the price for awhile. They piled enough money on top of it that they can make it look good for a bit. But it's all going to burst out again."

Year	Average Monthly Residential Bill	% increase/decrease from previous year
2015	\$136	9.8%
2016	\$158	16.7%
2017	\$123	-22.1%
2018	\$126	2%
2019	\$128	2%
2020	\$131	2%
2021	\$133	2%
2022	\$142	6.5%
2023	\$151	6.5%
2024	\$161	6.5%
2025	\$172	6.5%
2026	\$183	6.5%
2027	\$195	6.5%
2028	\$215	10.5

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