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Subject: RE: Rate freeze decision com materials
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Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum
Resources

Government will help low-income families manage electricity costs

VICTORIA – Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources Michelle Mungall has issued the following statement on the B.C. Utilities Commission (BCUC) decision on the BC Hydro rate freeze:

“I am disappointed the BCUC has not approved BC Hydro’s request for a one-year rate freeze and has instead ordered a 3% increase effective April 1, 2018.

“A rate freeze was one of the commitments our government made to help make life more affordable for B.C. families and businesses who have seen electricity rates increase by over 24% in the last four years alone.

“That said, we respect the independence of the BCUC as the province’s energy regulator, and we accept their decision.

“Moving forward, rather than an across-the-board rate freeze we will target relief to households that need it most – low-income renters and homeowners who are struggling month-to-month to pay their electricity bills and support their families.

“Government will work with BC Hydro and customer groups to develop a lifeline or low-income rate program that will bring tangible savings to those who can best benefit from relief. The program could mean that people who have demonstrated need would have access to a lower rate for their electricity.

“In addition, starting in May, BC Hydro residential customers who find themselves in an emergency – such as loss of employment, unanticipated medical expenses or pending eviction for example – will be eligible for a grant toward their outstanding BC Hydro bill. The grant is up to \$600 and does not need to be repaid.

“Earlier the month BC Hydro announced enhanced measures to help customers manage higher winter bills, including a winter payment plan giving customers the option to spread bill payments over a six-month period, and increased funding for energy conservation programs.

“To lower electricity costs for B.C. businesses and industries, we are phasing out the PST on electricity. Following the 50% reduction that started on Jan. 1, 2018, government will completely eliminate the PST on non-residential electricity on April 1, 2019. Residential use of electricity is already PST-exempt.

“Eliminating the PST on electricity will translate into savings of more than \$150 million annually for B.C. businesses. This will help them create more jobs for British Columbians, expand into new markets, and reinvest in new technologies.

“Our government will also undertake a comprehensive review of BC Hydro to make it work for people. The review will identify changes and cost savings to keep rates low while ensuring BC Hydro has the resources it needs to continue to provide clean, safe and reliable electricity. We expect to announce the scope and process for the review in the coming weeks.”

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Great this uploaded on Share point – BC Hydro Rate Freeze (separate folder)



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Can you please put this in a file in the binder. James – please speak with MMM about a potential touch base meeting with Haslam at 1:30.

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