

STOP DALTON'S HYDRO HIKE

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How Much More Will Families in Durham Region have to pay for Dalton McGuinty's Expensive Energy Experiments?

NEWS:

DURHAM REGION — Today, Durham Region MPPs Christine Elliott (Whitby-Oshawa), John O'Toole (Durham) and Jerry Ouellette (Oshawa) called on Dalton McGuinty to tell Ontario families how much more they will have to pay on their hydro bills for his expensive energy experiments.

Hydro rates Ontario families pay will be going up again on May 1st to pay for Dalton McGuinty's expensive energy experiments, like his smart meter tax machines, unaffordable subsidies and his sweetheart Samsung deal. As of May 1st, hydro rates will have increased 84 percent under Dalton McGuinty and a whopping 150 percent for families and small businesses with activated smart meters.

Tim Hudak and the Ontario PC Caucus will put consumers first – both families and businesses – and respect that they pay the bills. Hudak has put forward several ideas to give families, seniors and small business owners relief on their hydro bills, such as pulling the plug on mandatory smart meter tax machines and calling for an audit of the Debt Retirement Charge – which records show should have been paid off by now.

QUOTES:

"At a time when Ontario families pay millions of dollars to keep the lights on in New York and Quebec homes, here in Ontario hydro bills are going through the roof because of Dalton McGuinty's expensive energy experiments."

-- *Christine Elliott, MPP for Whitby-Oshawa*

"Dalton McGuinty once said Ontario families would pay only one percent more on their bills for his expensive energy experiments. We already know that's not true. Dalton McGuinty must show Ontario families the respect they deserve and tell them how much more he expects them to pay."

-- *John O'Toole, MPP for Durham*

"Families, and especially seniors, in Oshawa and Durham Region can no longer afford Dalton McGuinty's trial and charge the tax payers for his errors!"

-- *Jerry Ouellette, MPP for Oshawa*

QUICK FACTS:

- Tuesday, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) announced another hike to hydro rates that will cost Ontario families another \$75 per year. These increases are a direct result of Dalton McGuinty's expensive energy experiments.
- Hydro rates have increased eight times under Dalton McGuinty by a total of 84 percent, or a whopping 150 percent for Ontario families and small businesses with an activated smart meter tax machine.
- Dalton McGuinty promised Ontario families his expensive energy experiments contained in his so-called Green Energy Act would only raise hydro bills by 1 percent. He later conceded, in last year's Fall Economic Update, that bills are expected to go up 46 percent by 2015.

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