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Yakabuski to Liberals: “Enough is enough”

(Queen’s Park) Official Opposition Energy Critic John Yakabuski MPP yesterday questioned Minister of Energy Brad Duguid why the McGuinty government always makes Ontario families pay for its mismanagement of the energy system.

Yakabuski’s comments follow reports that Ontario energy consumers will be stuck with \$18 million in fines and legal fees local utilities incurred for overcharging them. The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) is also expected to rule shortly on a request from Ontario Power Generation (OPG) for a 6.2 per cent increase in its electricity rates effective March 1.

“A few bucks here, a few bucks there. It all adds up to Ontario families not being able to afford the McGuinty Liberals anymore.” Yakabuski said.

This is just the latest hike to hydro bills. Other Dalton McGuinty charges that have been slapped on bills included a 75% RPP rate increase, the HST tax grab, so called smart meter costs, \$53-million hidden hydro tax, expensive green energy subsidies, sweetheart Samsung deal and other OPG and Hydro One rate increases.

“When will the McGuinty Liberals show some respect for Ontario families, stop their assault on their pocketbooks, and give them some relief?”

While the McGuinty Liberals think Ontario families have an endless ability to pay, families are near the breaking point and need some relief. In October, the Ontario PCs announced they will create a permanent and dedicated consumer advocate at the OEB to ensure Ontario families’ interests come first again.