



**Bob**  
**BAILEY**  
MPP • Sarnia-Lambton

For Immediate Release  
November 24, 2010

### **MPP Bailey Disappointed with Liberal Plan to Increase Hydro Rates Further and Faster**

**Queen's Park**— Bob Bailey, MPP for Sarnia-Lambton, is dismayed by the details of the Liberal Government's Long-Term Energy Plan which will once again increase the cost of Hydro for Ontario families. "I hear daily from seniors, those on a fixed income and hard working families in Sarnia-Lambton who simply cannot afford to pay more than double for electricity" said Bailey. Bailey and the PC Caucus have repeatedly called on Dalton McGuinty and his Government to halt with the energy experiments and provide reliable, affordable and sustainable energy for the people of Ontario.

The Liberal Government, which released their plan Tuesday, announced that energy rates are expected to increase by at least 46% over the next five years, and double by 2030. "Dalton McGuinty's aggressive green energy agenda has significantly impaired the ability of many Ontarians to pay their rapidly escalating hydro bills and is making Ontario a very expensive place to do business," said Bailey.

In response to intense pressure by Bailey and the PC Caucus to have the government lower rates, McGuinty announced that a temporary 10% reduction on hydro bills would be introduced to ease the burden of Ontario's skyrocketing hydro bills. "While a reduction in hydro rates is badly needed, 10% is a drop in the bucket when one considers that Dalton McGuinty has increased hydro rates 75% since 2003 – 20% over the last year alone," said Bailey.

Locally, MPP Bailey has expressed his regret that the government insists on closing the Lambton Generating Station (LGS), a coal-fired energy producer by 2014. "Despite having one of the cleanest coal-fired generators in North America, this government is bent on closing LGS," said Bailey. "But, if it comes down to closing Lambton or converting it, I will fully support converting LGS to a natural gas or biomass facility. Lambton is very supportive of the LGS and we have the skilled workforce to make that conversion happen."

Bailey also mentioned that a petition against the soaring cost of hydro rates can be obtained from his website, [www.bobbaileympp.com](http://www.bobbaileympp.com).