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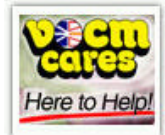
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## Opposition Leader Wants Action on Electricity Rates April 2, 2009

The Leader of the Opposition is calling for action to help reduce what she calls unfairly high electricity rates. Yvonne Jones says last year, the Public Utilities Board approved an increase in rates based on 150 dollar a barrel oil. While other companies that increased rates around the same time have since lowered them to reflect the change in the market, Jones says there is no relief in sight for residents and companies affected by the higher price of electricity. Natural Resources Minister Kathy Dunderdale says Hydro has a regulated rate of return. The PUB conducts an annual review of energy rates in the province. Dunderdale won't hazard a guess as to whether power rates could decrease this summer.



Yvonne Jones



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