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Here's what we can say, from you Sue:

"Governor Shumlin is proud of the long and productive relationship between Vermont and Quebec, which includes a partnership on energy. Hydropower from Quebec is part of the backbone of our renewable energy portfolio, along with local Vermont hydropower, wind, solar, methane digesters, and biomass. Vermont has prioritized long-term and stably-priced contracts for renewable energy, such as the Hydro-Quebec contract, as part of our strategy to keep rates competitive and affordable. Because of this strategy, Vermont now has the second-lowest electric rates in New England. Some of our neighboring states' utilities have experienced double-digit rate increases in the past several years, due to energy market volatility. In Vermont, our largest utility – Green Mountain Power – has had lower effective rates for customers three of the past four years."

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From: Villeneuve, Marina [<mailto:MVilleneuve@ap.org>]
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Hi Susan,

This is Marina Villeneuve with the Associated Press. I'm writing about hydroelectric power in Maine, and one issue that Democrats and the governor disagree on is whether hydroelectric power has been a moneysaver for Vermont.

I was wondering if Gov. Shumlin considers the Hydro Quebec contract to have saved money for the state of Vermont.

I can be reached at 207-210-0398.

Sincerely,
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