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The Ontario government is looking for the public's bright ideas to keep the province's lights on, but critics are attacking a new pamphlet inviting input as partisan.

Flyers began arriving in the mailboxes of 4.6 million households across the province yesterday, explaining a proposed \$83-billion plan to build new nuclear and natural gas plants, and to tap into more renewable power supply resources.

The \$1.1-million mailout arrives three days after open houses on Ontario's power supply mix wrapped up and near the tail-end of a 60-day posting of the plan -- authored by the Ontario Power Authority -- on a Environmental Bill of Rights website.

Energy Minister Donna Cansfield said public feedback will be considered until late March or mid-April, but could not provide a specific cut-off date for consultations.

Opposition Tories denounced the pamphlets as propaganda intended to counter the notion that the government is flailing on the energy file.

NDP Leader Howard Hampton called them a waste of money that follows a bogus round of public consultations.

"This is a sham," said Hampton. "This is totally inadequate."

Anyone interested in providing feedback to the Power Authority's plan can e-mail ontario.ca/energy or send comments to the ministry of energy.

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