

Local electricity distribution charges **have changed.**

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) has approved an increase in local distribution charges effective May 1, 2010. The average residential customer in Haldimand County will see an increase of approximately 12.7% in the delivery portion of their bill or approximately \$5.66 per month. The delivery portion includes the recovery of capital and operating costs to build and maintain the distribution system as well as pass through costs for the transmission of electricity.

Are there **other changes** to my electricity bill?

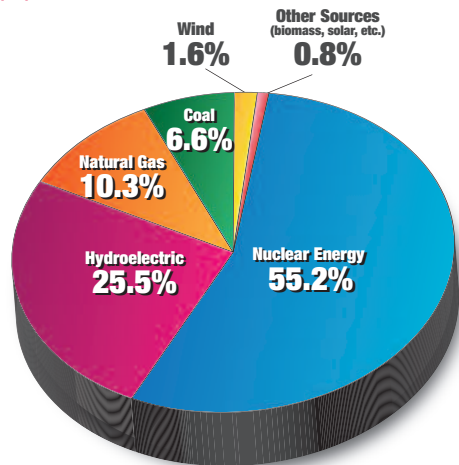
The price of the electricity you use has changed. Between May 1 and October 31, 2010, residential customers under the Regulated Price Plan (RPP) will pay 6.5 cents per kilowatt hour (kWh) for up to 600 kWh of electricity used per month and 7.5 cents per kWh for electricity used above that.

Please keep in mind that the threshold for the amount of electricity residential customers can use at the lower price decreases to 600 kWh from 1,000 kWh per month for the summer season (May 1st to October 31st).

When both the change in tier prices and the change in the seasonal tier threshold (from 1,000 kWh/month to 600 kWh/month) are considered, the estimated bill impact for residential RPP consumers that are on tiered pricing will increase \$7.60/month based on 800 kWh/month use. This change to the electricity line equates to approximately 8% on the total bill.

The price of electricity is set by the Ontario Energy Board and passed through to customers at cost by Haldimand County Hydro. For more information, visit the OEB website at www.oeb.gov.on.ca.

2009 Generation and Consumption Figures: Supply Mix



Ontario's Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) included the following in a news release issued on January 8, 2010.

Wind generation in Ontario rose by more than 60 percent in 2009 compared to the previous year. The output from commercial wind farms was 2.3 terawatt hours (TWh), equivalent to the consumption of the City of Oshawa for two full years. Output from coal-fired plants dropped to 9.8 TWh, down dramatically from 23.2 TWh in 2008 and the lowest output in 45 years.

Demand for electricity in Ontario declined in 2009 as a result of the economic recession, conservation efforts and mild weather. Down 6.1 per cent over 2008, demand reached 139 terawatt hours (TWh), its lowest level since 1997.

The IESO is responsible for managing Ontario's bulk electricity system and operating the wholesale electricity market. For more information visit www.ieso.ca.

Questions?

For information on electricity rates, contact:

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Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure
www.mei.gov.on.ca
1-888-668-4636

Ontario Statutes & Regulations
www.e-laws.gov.on.ca
1-800-668-9938

Ontario Power Authority
www.powerauthority.on.ca
1-800-797-9604

2010 Electricity Rates

EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2010

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HARMONIZED SALES TAX

The Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) of 13% replaces the 5% GST and will be applied to electricity bills beginning July 1, 2010. For more information on the HST: www.ontario.ca/taxchange or call the government's hotline at 1-800-337-7222.

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HALDIMAND COUNTY HYDRO SCHEDULE OF RATES EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2010

RATE OR CHARGE	RESIDENTIAL SERVICE	GENERAL SERVICE			SENTINEL LIGHTING (unmetered)
		<50kW	50kW to 4,999kW	50kW to 4,999kW (interval metered)	
Electricity Charges (Regulated Price Plan)					
First 600 kWh * (May 1, 2010 to October 31, 2010)	\$0.065/kWh				
Balance of kWhs *	\$0.075/kWh				
First 750 kWh * (May 1, 2010 to October 31, 2010)		\$0.065/kWh			\$0.065/kWh
Balance of kWhs *		\$0.075/kWh			\$0.075/kWh
Electricity Charges					
Hourly Ontario Energy Price/kWh*(HOEP)				(HOEP/kWh)	
Weighted Average Price/kWh*(WAP)			(WAP/kWh)		
Provincial Benefit*§	this charge will vary by month based on the difference between the spot market price and contracted prices paid to generators				
Delivery					
Monthly Service Charge	\$12.23	\$28.60	\$102.48	\$102.48	\$7.34/connection
Smart Meter Funding Adder	\$1.87	\$1.87	\$1.87	\$1.87	
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$0.0334/kWh	\$0.0202/kWh	\$5.3113/kW	\$5.3113/kW	\$18.9349/kW
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$0.0004/kWh	\$0.0003/kWh	\$0.1502/kW	\$0.1502/kW	\$0.1103/kW
Transmission Network Service*	\$0.0052/kWh	\$0.0047/kWh	\$1.9253/kW	\$2.0423/kW	\$1.4592/kW
Transmission Connection Service*	\$0.0046/kWh	\$0.0042/kWh	\$1.6749/kW	\$1.8512/kW	\$1.3220/kW
Rate Rider for Deferral/Variance Account †	\$(0.0014)/kWh	\$(0.0012)/kWh	\$(0.4414)/kW	\$(0.4414)/kW	\$(3.0344)/kW
Rate Rider for Lost Revenue Adjustment †	\$0.0022/kWh	\$0.0001/kWh	\$0.0412/kW	\$0.0412/kW	
Rate Rider for Global Adjustment †§	\$0.0021/kWh	\$0.0021/kWh	\$0.8822/kW	\$0.8822/kW	\$0.7389/kW
Regulatory Charges					
Wholesale Market Service Rate*	\$0.0052/kWh	\$0.0052/kWh	\$0.0052/kWh	\$0.0052/kWh	\$0.0052/kWh
Rural Rate Protection Charge*	\$0.0013/kWh	\$0.0013/kWh	\$0.0013/kWh	\$0.0013/kWh	\$0.0013/kWh
Standard Supply Service Administration Fee	\$0.25	\$0.25	\$0.25	\$0.25	\$0.25
Special Purpose Charge* †	\$0.0003725/kWh	\$0.0003725/kWh	\$0.0003725/kWh	\$0.0003725/kWh	\$0.0003725/kWh
Debt Retirement Charge	\$0.007/kWh	\$0.007/kWh	\$0.007/kWh	\$0.007/kWh	\$0.007/kWh

* based on loss adjusted usage factor of 1.0680 applied to kWh † recovery and adjustments billed for one year May 1, 2010 through April 30, 2011

§ this charge only applies to customers **NOT** on the Regulated Price Plan

Other Charges

Account Set Up	\$30.00
Returned Cheque	\$15.00
Collection Charge	\$30.00
Reconnection Charge at the Meter	\$65.00; After Hours \$185.00
Reconnection Charge at the Pole	\$185.00; After Hours \$415.00
Legal Letter Charge	\$15.00
Credit Reference Check per Customer (plus credit agency costs)	\$15.00
Transformer Allowance	\$(0.60)/kW
Overdue Interest Charge	1.5% per month 19.56% per yr
Meter Dispute Charge (plus Measurement Canada Fee)	\$30.00

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Monthly Service Charge	\$5.25
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Reviewing your bill

Haldimand County Hydro is required to display your electricity charges in a summarized format under headings that have been standardized across the province. The standardized bill format makes it easier for you to understand your electricity charges no matter who your local electricity distribution company is. The following are the standardized headings:

- Electricity Charges
- Delivery
- Regulatory Charges
- Debt Retirement Charge

Under each standardized heading are several rate components that are displayed in the schedule of rates included. Haldimand County Hydro has posted our **complete Rate Order** on our website and can be viewed at www.haldimandcountyhydro.ca or at the Ontario Energy Board at www.oeb.gov.on.ca.

What about Time-of-Use (TOU) pricing?

Haldimand County Hydro will **NOT** be introducing Time of Use pricing until sometime in 2011. Until then your electricity consumption will be billed under the Regulated Rate Plan (RPP) unless you are under contract with an electricity retailer in which case you will pay the agreed upon contract rate. **We will notify you well in advance of the introduction of Time-of-Use pricing.**