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The impact of electricity relief and tax credits on monthly electricity costs* for:
Case Example 1

Toronto Urban household - natural gas heating Four-member household 	Electricity bill - $209 Electricity relief: 8% rebate - $17 **Total savings: $17** Paid overall: $192 

This case example is based on:
Property Tax - $3,500
Annual household income - $75,000
Electricity use: 1,000 kWh
Time of use pattern: 62 per cent off peak, 23 per cent mid-peak, 15 per cent on-peak electricity usage

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Case Example 2

Brampton urban household senior couple 	Electricity bill - $108 Electricity relief: 8 % rebate ($5) Ontario Electricity Support Program ($51) Tax relief: GST Credit ($3) Ontario Energy and Property Tax Credit ($19) Ontario Sales Tax Credit ($3) **Total savings: $81** Paid overall: $27 

This case example is based on:
Renting apartment for $700 a month
Annual household income - $24,000
Electricity use: 515 kWh
Time of use pattern: 60 per cent off peak, 20 per cent mid-peak, 20 per cent on-peak electricity usage

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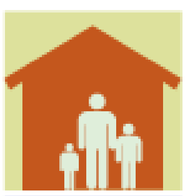
Case Example 3

Toronto urban household – natural gas heating Three member household 	Electricity bill - $118 Electricity relief: 8 % rebate ($7) Ontario Electricity Support Program ($34) Tax relief: GST Credit ($2) Ontario Energy and Property Tax Credit ($12) Ontario Sales Tax Credit ($2) **Total savings: $57** Paid overall: $61 

This case example is based on:
Property Tax: $2,800
Annual household income - $39,000
Electricity use: 500 kWh
Time of use pattern: 65 per cent off peak, 18 per cent mid-peak, 17 per cent on-peak electricity usage

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Case Example 4

Northern Ontario –heating house with electricity Five member household 	Electricity bill - $623 Electricity relief: Rural or Remote Rate Protection Program ($68) 8 % rebate ($40) Ontario Electricity Support Program ($51) Tax relief: GST Credit ($1) Northern Ontario Energy Credit ($19) Ontario Energy and Property Tax Credit ($5) Ontario Sales Tax Credit ($2) **Total savings: $186** Paid overall: $437 

This case example is based on:
Owns house
Annual household income - $48,000
Electricity use: 2,600 kWh
Time of use pattern: 65 per cent off peak, 18 per cent mid-peak, 17 per cent on-peak electricity usage

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Case Example 5

Northeastern Ontario (District of Cochrane) – propane heating Senior couple 	Electricity bill - $256 Electricity relief: Rural or Remote Rate Protection Program ($68) 8 % rebate ($15) Tax relief: Northern Ontario Energy Credit ($15) Ontario Energy and Property Tax Credit ($11) **Total Savings: $109** Paid overall: $147 

This case example is based on:
Property Tax – $2,250
Annual household income - $55,000
Electricity use: 800 kWh
Time of use pattern: 60 per cent off peak, 20 per cent mid-peak, 20 per cent on-peak electricity usage

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