
Electricity Rate Mitigation Update

October 26 2016

Status: Bill 13

- Bill 13, the *Ontario Rebate for Electricity Consumers Act, 2016*, was introduced on September 15th.
- On September 29, Bill 13 passed second reading and was referred to the Standing Committee on Justice.
- At committee stage, public hearings were held on October 3rd and clause-by-clause considerations were held on October 17th.
- Bill 13 was reported back to the legislation with no amendments on October 18.
- On October 19, the *Ontario Rebate for Electricity Consumers Act, 2016*, passed third reading and is waiting Royal Assent. It is scheduled to come into force on January 1, 2017.

Status Overview – Key Regulations

- **8% Rebate General Regulation:**
 - Working with LSB on comments on the first Draft of the regulation received from Legislative Counsel. Expect an updated draft shortly.
- **Minister's Regulation on 8% Bill Presentment:**
 - Draft received from Legislative Counsel;
 - Preferred language shared with Legislative Counsel – who flagged concerns with authority to prescribe preferred language for bill insert. See next slides for details.
 - Staff require clarification on level of prescription required for envelope messaging.
- **RRRP Amendment (442/01):**
 - Draft received from Legislative Counsel; Consultation draft shared with OEB and Hydro One to ensure drafting is clear.
 - Legislative Counsel has flagged some concerns with authority to prescribe the proposed bill insert language, as drafted. See next slide for details.
- Other required Regs are proceeding through drafting.

Proposed Bill Insert Messaging

- LSB shared proposed envelope and bill insert messaging for RPP and RRRP customers with Legislative Counsel.
- Legislative Counsel has expressed concerns with the Ministry's authority to prescribe language not associated with the education of consumers.
- Proposed alternative messaging, as well as design treatments for bill inserts and envelopes, are on the following slides.
 - Approval of changed language is required this week in order to meet Cabinet tracking requirements.
 - Staff are proposing one bill insert treatment for both RPP and RRRP customers, with one additional set of messaging for RRRP recipients.

8% Bill Insert Messaging

Current Message

On January 1, 2017 your hydro bill went down 8%

Ontario's government is taking action to reduce electricity costs and will rebate an amount equal to the provincial portion of the HST on your monthly hydro bill. That's an 8% rebate for Ontario families, and on average this will mean \$130 more in your pocket each year.

This is all part of Ontario's balanced plan to build the province up and help people in their everyday lives. Across Ontario, about five million residential consumers, farms and small businesses will benefit from these changes.

[LDC name] will implement these savings onto your bill by July 1, 2017. Applicable savings will be retroactive to January 1, 2017.

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Proposed Alternative Message (RPP and RRRP bills)

Ontario is helping reduce your electricity costs.

Ontario's government is reducing electricity costs by rebating an amount equal to the provincial portion of the HST on your monthly hydro bill. That's an 8% rebate for Ontario families, and an average savings of \$130 each year.

Across Ontario, about five million residential consumers, farms and small businesses will benefit from this rebate.

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8% Bill Insert Mock-up



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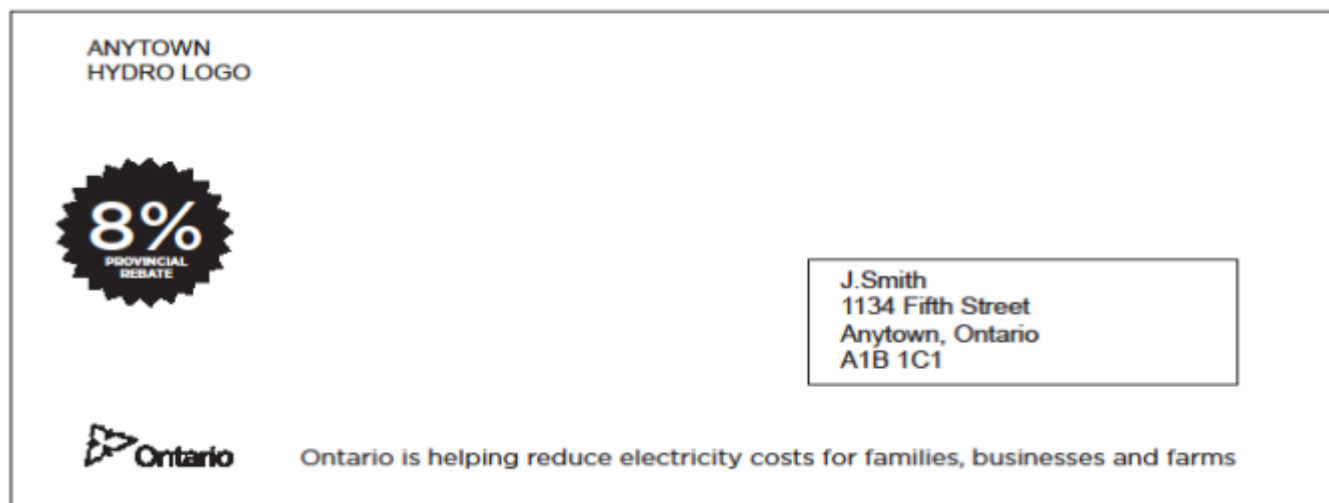
Across Ontario, about five million residential consumers, farms and small businesses will benefit from this rebate.

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Envelope Design Mock-Up



RRRP Alternative Bill Insert Messaging Options

Current Message

On January 1, 2017 your hydro bill got lighter

Ontario's government is taking action to reduce electricity costs and will rebate an amount equal to the provincial portion of the HST on your monthly bills. Additional changes are providing eligible rural ratepayers with additional relief, for a total RRRP subsidy of \$60.50/month.

This is all part of Ontario's balanced plan to build the province up and help people in their everyday lives. Across Ontario, about five million residential consumers, farms and small businesses, along with more than one thousand industrial customers will be positively impacted by expanding programs to help businesses grow and compete.

[LDC name] will implement the rebate onto your bill by July 1, 2017. Applicable savings will be retroactive to January 1, 2017. RRRP enhancement is effective January 1, 2017.

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Proposed Alternative Message for RRRP

Ontario is helping reduce your electricity costs.

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Across Ontario, about five million residential consumers, farms and small businesses will benefit from this rebate.

[LDC name] will implement these savings onto your bill by July 1, 2017. Applicable savings will be retroactive to January 1, 2017.

You will also receive additional relief that will decrease total electricity bills by an average of \$540 a year or \$45 a month, inclusive of your 8% rebate. This decrease will be reflected in the delivery charge, as a result of the enhanced Rural or Remote Rate Protection (RRRP)

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RRRP Bill Insert Mock-up



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Across Ontario, about five million residential consumers, farms and small businesses will benefit from this rebate.

Hydro One will implement these savings onto your bill by July 1, 2017. Applicable savings will be retroactive to January 1, 2017.

You will also receive additional relief that will decrease total electricity bills by an average of \$540 a year or \$45 a month, inclusive of your 8% rebate. This decrease will be reflected in the delivery charge, as a result of the enhanced Rural or Remote Rate Protection (RRRP)

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Next Steps

- **October 31st:** Minister's briefing
- **November 3rd:** Approve LRC package and submit to Cabinet Office
- **November 12th:** Regulatory Registry posting closes; adjust LRC package to reflect any critical feedback.
- **November 14th/16th:** LRC/Cabinet
- See flow chart for additional implementation timing requirements.

Rate Mitigation Package Timeline

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