
Industrial Conservation Initiative (ICI)

The Industrial Conservation Initiative provides a strong incentive for large electricity consumers to shift their electricity consumption to off-peak hours to reduce their bills by one-third.

There are currently two classes of consumers:

- "Class A" includes those consumers with monthly peak demand exceeding three (3) megawatts, subject to eligibility requirements. Under ICI, Class A consumers are charged Global Adjustment on the basis of their share of the total system demand during the highest five peak hours of the year. Currently there are about 300 Class A consumers who collectively have reduced Ontario's peak demand by about 1,000 MW.
- "Class B" includes all other consumers. They continue to be charged the Global Adjustment as a flat rate applied to their total consumption. Currently there are over 5 million Class B consumers in the province.

Ontario is proposing to expand the ICI program to include eligible customers with monthly peak demand greater than one (1) megawatt, down from the current threshold of three (3) megawatts. In addition, sector restrictions would be removed and small industrial, institutional and commercial businesses would be eligible to participate.

Expanding participation in the ICI program would:

- Reduce electricity peak demand by incenting more consumers to lower their electricity demand during peak periods;
- Reduce electricity bills for new ICI participants who are able to reduce their electricity demand during peak demand periods.

Newly eligible Class A customers would have the opportunity to opt-in to the ICI program.

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