

ENERGY media update

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Hi all,

Our Minister spoke to the following outlets post-budget day:

Moose FM
Sudbury.com
Rogers Sudbury
Soo Today
North Bay Nugget/Sudbury Star
Timmins Times

The conversations went well, and the Minister was able to share good budget news in the north, while navigating some counter arguments from the opposition. We also followed up with our statement on Vic Fedeli's budget comments.

The Minister also spoke to the following outlets in a scrum at NOMA in Thunder Bay:
CBC
Magic FM
CKPR
Thunder Bay Newswatch

Time focused on meeting with municipal leaders, the role of biomass plants in the future of our electricity system, and addressing FHP financing and electricity system market reform.

We also have the following agency updates, nothing glaring to flag:

Agencies: 4 inquiries

Agency: OEB

Topic : ELK Energy Inc. and Sellick Manufacturing

Reporter & Outlet : Robert Heydari, CBC Windsor

Response Type : Email

Reporter's Questions:

1. Does the OEB have any comment on the decision in favour of E.L.K.?
2. Does this decision set any precedent for this type of issue or is these questions evaluated on a case-by-case basis?

Response:

Our decision speaks for itself.

As indicated in the decision, the OEB has relied on the principles we have established for Service Area Amendments.

Topic : RPP Announcement

Reporter & Outlet : John Crupi, CTV Ottawa

Response Type : Phone call

Reporter's Questions:

Is the OEB announcement part of what the Wynne government announced re hydro price cuts?

Response:

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Yes. The RPP rate reductions that take effect on May 1st include a portion of the bill reduction announced in the government's proposed Ontario Fair Hydro Plan.

The government has indicated that it intends to introduce legislation that, if passed, would implement the proposed Fair Hydro Plan starting this summer. The OEB will then further adjust RPP prices as needed so that RPP customers receive the full rate relief as legislated.

Topic : History of Electricity Rates in Ontario

Reporter & Outlet : *Grahame Elliot, 90.5 Extra Radio Peterborough*

Response Type : *email response*

Reporter's Questions:

When was the last time electricity rates went down in Ontario?

Response:

Every six months, on May 1 and November 1, the OEB calculates how much it will cost to supply electricity to customers, and establishes new time-of-use (TOU) rates to recover the costs from customers covered by the Regulated Price Plan (RPP).

RPP prices are designed to ensure consumers pay a stable and predictable price that reflects the costs to supply their electricity over time.

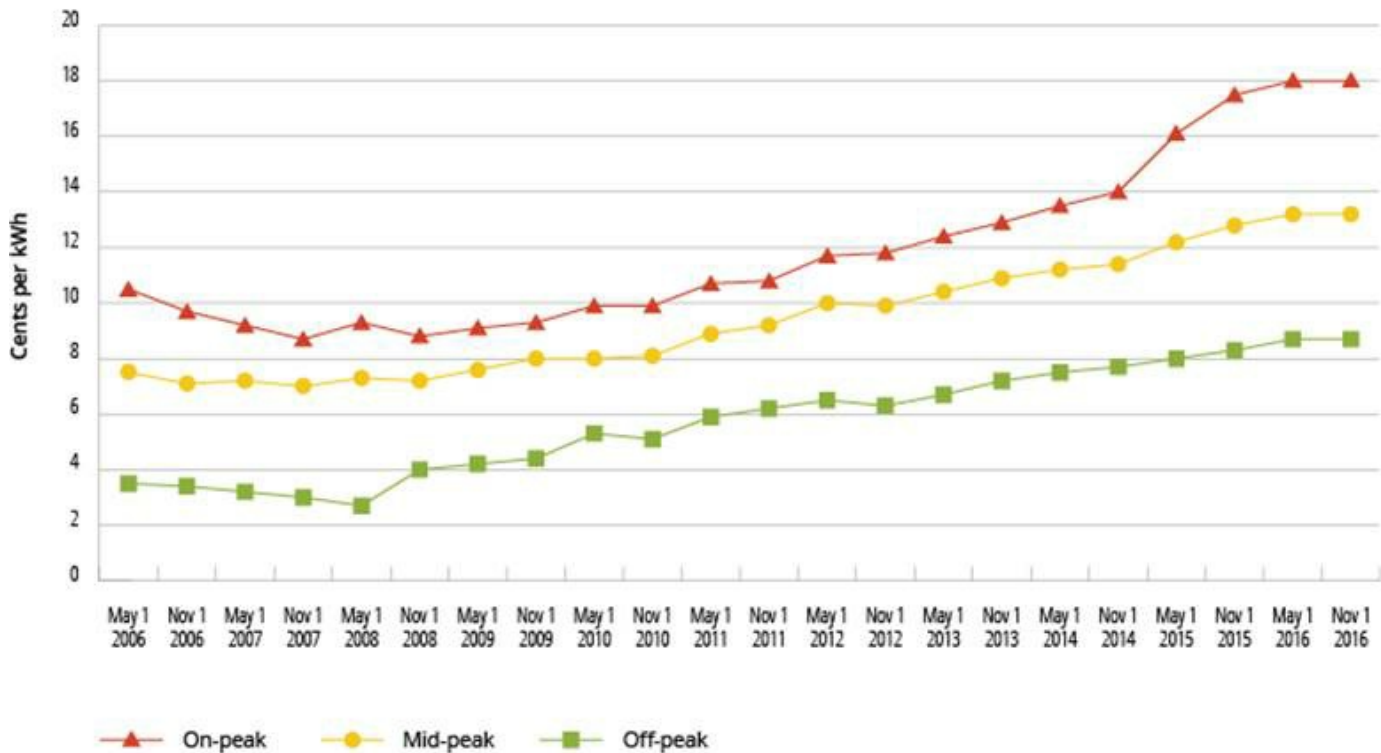
As of May 2017, nearly all residential customers and many small business customers on the RPP pay time-of-use prices. As a result the RPP rate data provides the best indication to response to your question concerning the history of electricity rates in Ontario.

Between May 1, 2006 to Nov 1, 2007, electricity rates showed overall decreases as follows (Because Peak and Off Peak Periods change twice annually it is best to compare Year over Year Figures):

Price in cents/KwH	May 1, 2006	May 1, 2007	Nov 1, 2006	Nov 1 2007
Off-peak	3.5	3.2	3.4	3.0
Mid-peak	7.5	7.2	7.1	7.0
On-peak	10.5	9.2	9.7	8.7

The chart below gives you a visual representation of the changing TOU rates every six months since 2006.

Historical TOU Ontario RPP Rates for Electricity



For a complete snapshot of electricity prices, visit our webpage that lists historical Ontario electricity prices at oeb.ca. The specific page on historical figures on TOU Rates for Electricity can be found at [this link](#).

Topic : Toronto Hydro Isolations

Reporter & Outlet : Brian Hill, Global News

Response Type : email response

Reporter's Questions:

Is there an update on the Toronto Hydro customer isolation charge?

Response:

There is no further update at this time. We continue to look into the matter.

Minister's Office: 0 inquiries

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