

Active Shell

General Information		
Name of Shell/File	Hydro cost	
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Additional Background:
Possible announcement(s) in advance of the 2017 provincial budget regarding energy and cost of hydro will impact this wording at that time.

Thank you for your correspondence regarding cost of hydro. I appreciate your sharing your views.

Last fall, we passed the *Ontario Rebate for Electricity Consumers Act, 2016*, which reduces electricity costs by eight per cent on the amount before tax, an average savings of about \$130 annually or \$11 each month, for about five million residential consumers, farms and small businesses, as of January 1, 2017.

Rural electricity ratepayers will receive additional relief, decreasing total electricity bills by an average of \$540 a year or \$45 each month. Making electricity more affordable is part of our plan to create jobs, grow our economy and help people in their everyday lives.

Thank you again for writing to me. Please accept my best wishes.

Kathleen Wynne
Premier of Ontario