
Three Things You Need to Know

1) We're rebating an amount equal to the provincial portion of the HST on electricity bills for families, farms, and small businesses

If passed, proposed legislation would provide an eight per cent rebate, equal to the provincial portion of the HST, to five million electricity consumers eligible for the Regulated Price Plan (RPP), including:

- Residential consumers;
- Multi-unit residential buildings and other facilities used as residential rental units such as long-term care homes and school residences,
- Small businesses, and
- Farms.

2) We're reducing remote and rural delivery charges by 20 per cent

The Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection (RRRP) program reduces electricity costs for approximately 330,000 customers located in rural or remote areas.

Ontario is proposing increasing program funding by \$110 million, bringing total program funding up to approximately \$285 million for eligible customers.

This proposed funding increase to the RRRP and the eight percent rebate would result in electricity relief for eligible consumers of approximately \$45 per month.

3) We're empowering more than one thousand large businesses to reduce their bills by one third

The Industrial Conservation Initiative (ICI) provides a strong incentive for large electricity consumers to reduce their electricity consumption during peak hours to lower their bills by up to one-third. By reducing the province's peak demand, the Industrial Conservation Initiative reduces electricity system costs by reducing the need to build peaking generation

Currently, electricity consumers in certain sectors with monthly peak demand exceeding three megawatts (MW) are eligible to participate. Ontario is proposing to expand the ICI program to include customers with monthly peak greater than one MW.

Ontario is also proposing to remove sector specific restrictions, meaning large electricity consumers in all commercial, institutional and industrial sectors would now be eligible.