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Subsection:
Delivering the Single-largest Reduction to Electricity Rates in Ontario's History

Page Number: 3</td><td>Since 2003, this government has supported investments of more than $50 billion in electricity infrastructure across the province to ensure that Ontarians can benefit from a cleaner, more modern and more reliable system. Ontario also became the first jurisdiction in North America to end the use of coal-fired electricity generation, choosing instead to produce clean, renewable power.

The much-needed restructuring of an aging and unstable electricity system that relied on expensive imports and dirty coal resulted in rapidly rising rates for many customers, and a financial burden that has fallen disproportionately and unfairly on the shoulders of today’s electricity ratepayers. The cost of these significant investments is funded in part through the Global Adjustment (GA), which is part of the commodity cost on electricity bills.

Through consultations across the province, the government heard loud and clear that relief from high electricity bills is a priority concern for all Ontarians and that this relief must be long-lasting and built on real changes to the electricity system. That is why the government continues to take action to relieve the burden and share costs more fairly.

In March, the government announced Ontario’s Fair Hydro Plan, which includes the following components:
Reducing electricity bills by 25 per cent on average for eligible residential, farm and small business customers;
Creating new and expanding existing targeted support programs to provide further relief for eligible rural, remote, low-income, and on-reserve First Nations households;
Expanding the Industrial Conservation Initiative program to benefit additional small manufacturing and industrial consumers; and
Improving sector efficiency and modernizing the province’s electricity market.</td></tr>
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	As part of this plan, rate increases over the next four years would be held to the rate of inflation. Taken together, these changes would deliver the largest reduction to electricity rates in Ontario's history.
Subsection: Reducing Electricity Rates by 25 per cent **Page Number:** 4	Building on the steps announced last September, including an eight per cent rebate on electricity bills equal to the provincial portion of the Harmonized Sales Tax, the Fair Hydro Plan will reduce electricity rates by 25 per cent on average for eligible residential, small and medium businesses and farms. As part of the plan, the government will refinance part of the cost of the Global Adjustment portion of electricity bills. While the majority of the province's electricity generators have 20-year contracts, many will operate past their contract term. Recovering the costs from these investments over a longer period of time would reflect a fairer and more equitably distributed sharing of both the costs and benefits of these assets among current and future ratepayers. Under current forecasts, the immediate reduction in the total GA charge would be about $2.5 billion per year on average over the first 10 years. The Province will also reduce regulatory charges for all Ontarians by funding some important electricity support programs by the government instead of by ratepayers.
Subsection: Providing a First Nations On-Reserve Delivery Credit **Page Number:** 5	Consistent with recommendations of the Ontario Energy Board, the Province is proposing a First Nations On-Reserve Delivery Credit that could save eligible residential customers $1,020 per year, on average.
Subsection: Providing Further Support for Rural and Remote Communities **Page Number:** 5	The Province will expand the RRRP to provide distribution charge relief to about 800,000 customers served by local distribution companies (LDCs) with the highest rates:
Subsection: Lowering Electricity Costs	The Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP) is an income-tested, application-based program that lowers electricity costs for the most vulnerable consumers, providing a rebate directly on bills. The Province is increasing the OESP by 50 per cent,

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<td>of the Most Vulnerable Consumers

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<td>which will significantly enhance the benefit eligible consumers receive.
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<tr><th>Consumer Type</th><th>Current Benefit (Annual Amount)</th><th>New Expanded Benefit (Annual Amount)</th></tr>
<tr><td>Single, low-income</td><td>$360 to $600</td><td>$540 to $900</td></tr>
<tr><td>First Nations and Métis households, as well as those with unique electricity requirements</td><td>Up to $900</td><td>Up to $1,350</td></tr>
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To help ensure that all OESP-eligible Ontarians receive their credit, the government is exploring automatic qualification for customers enrolled in other provincial low-income social programs.</td>
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<td>Subsection: Expanding Access to Natural Gas

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