

Energy Highlights

- The Fair Hydro Plan has **reduced bills by an average of 25%** for every single household in Ontario, along with half a million small businesses and farms.
 - Under the plan, bills will be **held to the rate of inflation** for four years.
 - For those facing the highest delivery rates – especially those in rural parts of our province – the reduction is even larger, as much as 40-50%.
- With the elimination of dirty coal generation, the equivalent of taking **7 million cars off the road** creates ongoing benefits for Ontarians. This was the largest climate change action taken in North America to date. It's also saving as much as \$4.4 billion in health and environmental costs.
- As of 2017, Ontario's electricity system is 96% free of greenhouse gases that cause climate change.
- We have **invested \$35 billion in new and refurbished generation**, resulting in 16,000 Megawatts of new clean, reliable power.
- Refurbishing Ontario's nuclear capacity will **create almost 25,000 jobs**, and generate **annual economic activity of \$5 billion**.
- We introduced the Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP) for low- to modest-income households, and then expanded it in 2017 with the Fair Hydro Plan. **Families are now eligible for as much as \$800 per year in support.**
- We established a \$100 million Affordability Fund as part of the Fair Hydro Plan to assist electricity customers who do not qualify for low-income conservation programs. The Affordability Fund is funded by an independent trust set up by the Government of Ontario and offered to you by your local electric utility and community services.
- We've invested **more than one billion dollars in electricity conservation programs**, the cleanest and most efficient alternative to new generation. Through these programs, we have avoided the equivalent of six natural gas plants of generation, while helping ratepayers lower their bills.
- The **Industrial Conservation Initiative** rewards companies that shift their electricity usage away from peak hours. Participants in the program reduce their bills by as much as one third. And by reducing peak demand, the ICI program reduces the need to build new generation, lowering costs for all ratepayers.
- Through the 2017 Long Term Energy Plan, our government committed to long-term solutions to modernize the electricity grid and ensure continued cost savings for Ontario's ratepayers both large and small. **Market Renewal** is projected to save **over \$5 billion**.

- We've prioritized Consumer Protection by giving the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) increased regulatory authority over the 326,000 individually-metered condo, co-op and apartment units in the province.
- We are encouraging innovation across the sector, and an example of this is changes made to Ontario's net metering framework to give businesses and consumers more opportunities to generate and store renewable electricity
 - Allows customers to offset the electricity they buy from their Local Distribution Company (LDC)
 - Incentivizes businesses and consumers to install their own renewable energy systems
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