

Ministry of Energy Comments on Draft Document Text

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1	"...resulting in instances of blackouts and brownouts."	In recent decades there was only one province-wide blackout in Ontario (i.e., the August 2003 blackout), and it originated in the U.S. For this reason it may be preferable here to reference a "supply shortage" instead of "blackouts and brownouts".
2	"Ontario's proposed Fair Hydro Plan would reduce electricity bills by 25 per cent on average for eligible households and approximately 500,000 small businesses..."	As worded, the text gives the impression that households, small businesses and farms alike would save 25 per cent, whereas the 25 per cent only applies to a typical household. "Ontario's proposed Fair Hydro Plan would reduce electricity bills by 25 per cent on average for eligible residential consumers. Approximately 500,000 small businesses and farms would also benefit."
4	"The Province is committed to supporting electricity conservation through existing programs such as the Home Assistance Program, the Heating & Cooling Incentive program, and the Save on Energy Coupon Event."	Recommended edits: "The Province is committed to supporting electricity conservation through existing programs such as the Save on Energy Home Assistance Program, the Heating & Cooling Incentive program, and the Save on Energy Coupon Event." *includes CRED edits
5	"The ICI program helps consumers reduce their electricity bills by providing an incentive to shift consumption to off-peak hours."	ICI does not incent consumers to shift consumption, only lower during peak periods. "The ICI program helps consumers lower their electricity bills by providing an incentive to reduce consumption during peak hours."
5	"The IESO's Market Renewal initiative is estimated to save up to \$5.2 billion..."	The \$5.2 billion refers to net benefits that will be shared among producers and consumers. Suggest changing text to "...is estimated to save the electricity system up to \$5.2 billion..." or "...is estimated to save electricity market participants up to \$5.2 billion..."

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4	“The Province is working with the OEB on the Province’s proposal to increase the OESP monthly benefit amounts by 50 per cent which will significantly enhance the benefit that eligible consumers receive. The OESP would also become available to more Ontarians by introducing new eligibility categories.”	Proposed change: “The Province has already taken action to expand the OESP so these customers receive more support. Starting on May 1st, is working with the OEB on the Province’s proposal to increase the OESP monthly benefit amounts will increase by 50 per cent, which will significantly enhance the benefit that eligible consumers receive. The OESP will would also become available to more Ontarians by introducing new eligibility categories.”
6	“The Province is planning to introduce legislation that, if passed, would enable a First Nations On-Reserve Delivery Credit that would eliminate delivery charges for eligible households, saving them an average of about \$1,020 per year.”	This focus of the section should focus on advancing reconciliation with First Nations rather than the average savings. “The Province is planning to introduce legislation that, if passed, would enable a First Nations On-Reserve Delivery Credit that would eliminate delivery charges for eligible households on-reserve to advance reconciliation and help address some of the unique challenges that First Nations customers face.” Note that the projected savings are correct based on estimates should they be retained.