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Sioux Lookout Hydro customers won't be affected by a proposed distribution-rate increase because of a provincial subsidy for those rates that took effect this summer, the utility says.

Still, it's proposing the monthly increase of \$5.76 to cover increased costs by May 1.

If the increase is approved by the Ontario Energy Board, the extra amount will be covered by a provincial subsidy under the province's new Fair Hydro Act.

The current monthly distribution rate fee is \$36.43 for Sioux Lookout Hydro's residential customers.

After the Fair Hydro Act came into effect, with the province promising big reductions for remote customers, some Sioux Lookout residential customers saw their monthly bills drop nearly in half to just over \$100.

A public meeting about the proposed distribution rate hike is to take place Tuesday at Sioux Lookout's Heritage Railway Station. The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.