

Ontario Fair Hydro Plan

Ontario has introduced legislation, the Ontario Fair Hydro Plan (OFHP) that would, if passed, reduce electricity bills by 25% on average for all households and as many as half a million small businesses and farms across the province, starting this summer.

The ~~Ontario Fair Hydro Plan~~OFHP involves a number of proposed changes to the information provided by LDCs and USMPs to settle RPP and eligible non-RPP consumers, the addition of 4~~four~~ household consumer classes for the Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP) and removal of the OESP charge from electricity bills, as well as new group of Class A consumers with peak load between 500 kW and 1 MW.

Effective May 1st, 2017:

- Tiered prices for consumers with conventional meters are split into two sets of prices: Forecast Tiered Prices without consideration of the proposed ~~Ontario Fair Hydro Plan~~OFHP and Tiered Prices including a portion of the proposed ~~Ontario Fair Hydro Plan~~OFHP.
- TOU prices for consumers with smart meters are split into two sets of prices: Forecast TOU Prices without consideration of the proposed ~~Ontario Fair Hydro Plan~~OFHP and TOU Prices including a portion of the proposed ~~Ontario Fair Hydro Plan~~OFHP.
- Final variance settlement dollar amounts need to be reported in two different categories, one without consideration of the proposed ~~Ontario Fair Hydro Plan~~OFHP and one including a portion of the proposed ~~Ontario Fair Hydro Plan~~OFHP.
- The OESP credit available to qualifying consumers is increased by 50% and 4~~four~~ new household income and size categories are added to expand the list of potentially eligible customers. In addition, the OESP charge that funds the cost of the OESP is removed from electricity bills.
- There are now three distinct groups of Class A consumers. LDCs are required to provide the number of Class A consumers with peak demand between 0.5 MW and 1 MW, the number of Class A consumers with peak demand between 1 MW and 5 MW, and the number of Class A consumers with peak demand greater than 5 MW.

The OFHP discount for customers of a local distribution company (LDC) or a unit sub-meter provider (USMP) will be settled directly by the LDC or USMP. Submissions for consumers with conventional meters will be provided using the "Regulated Price Plan vs. Market Price – Variance for Conventional Meters" form. Submissions for consumers with smart meters will be provided using the "Regulated Price Plan vs. Market Price –

Variance for Smart Meters” form. Submissions to report final variance amounts will be provided by LDCs and USMPs using the “Regulated Price Plan – Final Variance Settlement Amount” form. LDCs will submit the number of consumers in each Class A category, including the new category for consumers with peak demand between 500 kW and 1 MW, using the “Coincident Peak” Form.

The revised forms will be made available for LDCs to submit their information starting on June 1st, 2017. A revised guide which contains the instructions on the online forms is available here: <http://www.ieso.ca/-/media/files/ieso/document-library/training/guide-to-online-data-submission.pdf>.

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For background information, you can visit Ontario’s Fair Hydro Plan.

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Definitions for Class A Consumers are detailed in Ontario Regulation 429/04 which can be found at:

<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/040429?search=429%2F04>.

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