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Ontario Energy Board rate charts -- Summary

- OEB rate charts, which take into account the effects of the *Ontario Fair Hydro Plan Act, 2017*, residents can see how their utility bill ranks against the rest of the province and some other Canadian and American cities.
- The residential rate charts are based on a typical customer's consumption of 750 kWh per month.
- As the OEB's tool shows, the commodity price of electricity is the same for all residential and small business customers who purchase their electricity from their LDC.
- However, rates will vary between urban and rural areas primarily because of the delivery cost for electricity.
- Ontario was an early mover in advancing renewable technologies like wind and solar when the infrastructure costs were relatively high. In many other jurisdictions, those investments will have to be made eventually.
- The tool compares rates across LDCs in Ontario but also shows how Ontario electricity prices compare with other jurisdictions across Canada and the U.S.A.
- Ontarians living in cities such as Toronto pay less for electricity than residents of Charlottetown, Regina and Halifax, but more than people living in Calgary, Vancouver and Montreal. Provinces such as Quebec and British Columbia have access to less costly sources of power generation than Ontario.

Estimated total bill amount for Ontario LDCs – high-level findings

Residential Customers

- Over 30% of Ontario's LDCs have estimated monthly totals of over \$100
- Highest: Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd. – Parry Sound at \$112.05 (delivery charge of ~\$47.14)
- Lowest: Fort Frances Power Corporation at \$84.23 (delivery charge of ~\$26.62)
- Toronto Hydro ranked 8/75 at \$105.95
- Note: LDCs receiving distribution rate protection include: Hydro One (medium- and low-density rate classes), Northern Ontario Wires, Lakeland Power (Parry Sound service territory), Chapleau, Sioux Lookout, InnPower, Atikokan and Algoma

Small Business Customers

- Over 80% of LDCs serving small business customers have estimated monthly totals of over \$300
- Highest: Hydro One Networks Inc. Gse at \$414.02 (delivery charge of ~\$216.19)
- Lowest: Hydro Hawkesbury Inc. at \$279.11 (delivery charge of ~\$69.95)

2017 Estimated Total Monthly Bill Amount for Residential Rate Class in Selected Jurisdictions in Canada and the United States

United States:

- **San Francisco** (\$229.0) and **New York** (\$227.81) were the highest of selected U.S. jurisdictions

- **Miami** was lowest of selected U.S. jurisdictions at \$103.03

Canada:

- **Charlottetown** (\$129.27)and **Regina** (\$125.06) ranked highest of selected Canadian jurisdictions
- **Montreal** was the lowest of selected Canadian jurisdictions at \$55.84