

Employee Communications

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Subject: Premier announces new measures to lower costs for Ontario residential electricity customers

Message from Rosemarie Leclair, Chair & Chief Executive Officer

This morning, the Premier announced a number of measures intended to lower costs for all Ontario residential electricity customers. [Read the government's news release and background materials.](#)

Broad measures to be put in place include:

- Funding programs like the Rural or Remote Rate Protection (RRRP) and the Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP) from taxes rather than through rates;
- Smoothing costs associated with new investments in generation over a longer period;
- Putting additional supports in place for vulnerable and rural/remote consumers by expanding the RRRP, introducing a First Nations Rate, increasing the OESP and establishing an "affordability fund" to assist in financing conservation measures.

While we now have direction, there are many details to work out and the full implications to the work of the OEB still have to be determined. We will work with the government as needed, as it develops the legislation to give effect to these changes.

For now, it is business as usual in the delivery of programs and the adjudication of applications that are before us.