

COMPARISON CHART

Distribution rates vary from utility to utility. The chart shows an example of the combined total bill impact of the Regulated Price Plan (RPP) and distribution rate changes approved by the OEB for a residential consumer using 1,000 kilowatt hours per month (including GST). The example reflects the total bill impact on an annualized basis as it takes into account the consumption threshold - the amount of electricity that is charged at the lower RPP price: 600kWh for the summer season (May to October) and 1,000 kWh during the winter season (November to April).

| Utility | Estimated Monthly total bill impact for a residential consumer using an average of 1,000 kWh/month (GST included) | | |
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| | Distribution Rate Change Impact (on total bill) | RPP Rate Change Impact (on total bill) | Total Bill Impact (RPP + distribution rate changes) |
| Burlington Hydro Inc. | 0.1% | 8.3% | 8.5% |
| | \$0.16 | \$9.42 | \$9.58 |
| Grand Valley Energy Inc. | 10.1% | 8.9% | 18.9% |
| | \$10.72 | \$9.42 | \$20.13 |
| Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc. | 0.6% | 8.2% | 8.9% |
| | \$0.73 | \$9.42 | \$10.15 |
| Halton Hills Hydro Inc. | 2.3% | 8.7% | 11.0% |
| | \$2.49 | \$9.42 | \$11.92 |
| Hydro One Brampton | 1.2% | 8.5% | 9.7% |
| | \$1.30 | \$9.42 | \$10.72 |
| Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc. | -1.7% | 9.2% | 7.6% |
| | -\$1.72 | \$9.42 | \$7.70 |
| Milton Hydro Distribution Inc. | -2.5% | 8.4% | 5.8% |
| | -\$2.85 | \$9.42 | \$6.57 |
| Orangeville Hydro Ltd. | -4.8% | 8.2% | 3.34% |
| | -\$5.51 | \$9.42 | \$3.91 |
| Toronto Hydro-Electric System Ltd. estimate, as rate schedule to be filed. | -2.3% | 8.1% | 5.8% |
| | -\$2.69 | \$9.42 | \$6.72 |
| Wellington Electric Distribution Co. | 5.3% | 8.6% | 13.9% |
| | -\$5.74 | \$9.42 | \$15.16 |

Hydro rates up 11%...

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Art Skidmore, the chief financial officer of Halton Hills Hydro.

Distributors applied to the regulator to charge higher rates to deliver electricity to people's homes and in Ontario, where there are 90 hydro utilities, the combination of the increase in delivery costs and for electricity itself results in increases ranging from a low of 3.4 per cent from Orangeville Hydro customers, to the highest at 18.9 per cent in Brantford that is served by Grand Valley Energy Inc.

Skidmore said that the increases do not necessarily mean homeowners will face higher electricity bills as those who reduce their consumption and conserve will pay less.

Skidmore said Halton Hills Hydro customers can log on to their website at haltonhillshydro.com and using their last bill, they can get a PIN that allows them to access their consumption for the past three years.

"It's a very valuable piece of information that they can actually track and see their heavy usage over 599 kilowatt hours," Skidmore said, adding they've developed a conservation demand management program at Halton Hills Hydro.

"Part of our rate increase that 2.3 per cent (for distribution costs) is additional money to help customers conserve to send out the conservation message to customers, so customers

should be looking to us to sort of champion that conservation culture," Skidmore said, adding they've done that with rebate programs for customers who buy energy

efficient light bulbs.

He also said they are conducting a pilot project on smart meters that would allow people to track their energy use by time-of-day.

Pamphlet offends

To the editor,

I was dismayed and, frankly, offended when I read the text of a pamphlet which I found in my mailbox this week. It was produced by C.A.S.H.H., and the implication was that they are the only organization to be supported in the current cancer campaign.

For the information of newcomers to Acton, and any others who may not be aware of it, Acton has a very active branch of the Canadian Cancer Society which offers all patient services, including free transportation, and depends on our financial support to continue these ser-

vices. This branch has never used valuable resources to rent an office, with its further expenses, but, as many Acton and area residents will tell you, the volunteers who operate from their homes are easily accessible and eager to help in any way they can. Please respond as generously as you can when a canvasser from the Acton Cancer Society comes to your door.

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Thieves steal trailer loaded with \$10,000 in beer

Thieves hooked up a refrigeration trailer filled with 1,300 cases of Corona beer and drove away from the Truck Town Terminal on Steeles Avenue near Hornby overnight April 9/10.

The beer is worth \$10,000 and the trailer, which belongs to the LLBO, is worth \$65,000.

Police/Fire Report

cancel the alarm, but it was too late and Acton firefighters responded to the scene, before being notified it was a false alarm.

Bus damaged

A bench seat on a Tyler Transport school bus was burned by a vandal or vandals who entered the bus in a Queen Street East compound sometime between April 7 and 10. Damage is \$500.

False alarm

Smoke from paper being burned in a woodstove activated a smoke alarm in a home on the 27 Side Road, in the Ninth Line area at 12:43 p.m. on Saturday.

The homeowner called the security company to

Illegal burn

Acton firefighters found a rural property owner conducting an illegal open-air burn in a vacant lot on 32 Side Road, east of the Fifth Line, Nassagaweya at 12:32 p.m. on Good Friday.

They advised the owner how to apply for a burn permit, and allowed the fire to burn itself out before returning to the station.

At 5:39 on Good Friday afternoon, Acton firefighters discovered that complaints of heavy smoke and an irritating odour were coming

from the urethane finish on old hardwood flooring being burned by a Victoria Avenue resident.

The man did have a burn permit, but because of the large amount of smoke and smell from the finish, he was advised to let the fire burn out and not burn any more of the old flooring.

Stand by

A pumper and crew from the Acton station went on stand by at the Georgetown station at 9:58 last Thursday night as Georgetown crews battled a stubborn house fire in an unoccupied house on Trafalgar Road in Stewarttown.

The cause of that fire remains under investigation.

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