

# HYDRO RATES WILL BE 2% LOWER IN '97 FOR MARKHAM CUSTOMERS

*If you warmed up to frozen hydro rates, try snuggling up to a 2% decrease*

THE TEMPERATURE IS DROPPING AND SO ARE YOUR HYDRO RATES.

How often do you see prices go down for anything? At your community-owned power company, we think the answer is, "Not nearly enough!". Which is why we're so pleased to be able to bring you a 2% rate decrease in electricity rates for 1997.

**YOU'LL ACTUALLY BE PAYING LESS THAN 1993.**

After reducing rates by 1.5% in 1994, holding the line in 1995 and 1996, this will be the fourth straight year of frozen or reduced hydro rates in Markham. This year's 2% decrease means that residential customers with a monthly consumption of 1000 kW.h. will pay \$1.55 less per month than they did in 1996 and \$2.83 less per month than they did in 1993.

Part of the reason for the savings is continuous cost control. And with the continued growth and vitality of Markham, new revenues also allow us to spread costs among a larger base of customers.

**AS A COMMUNITY POWER COMPANY, WE'RE ON YOUR SIDE.**

Today, Markham Hydro is one of the most competitive utilities in the industry, allowing us to offer one of the lowest electricity rates in the Greater Toronto Area.

It all starts with an attitude that we're working for you. We've weeded out unproductive costs. We've developed our people, constantly, challenging ourselves to do better...to do more for you with less...to deliver savings and service to the people who matter most...the people of Markham. Local accountability and decision-making let us work on your behalf.

**A TRUE MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE COMMUNITY**

At Markham Hydro, we can give you our assurance that delivering the lowest possible rates to our community is always foremost on our minds. Remember, at Markham Hydro, we're doing everything in our power to keep hydro costs affordable.



1997 BI-MONTHLY RESIDENTIAL SERVICE RATES	
<b>ENERGY CHARGE</b>	
First 500 kW.h	11.58¢
Balance per kW.h	6.96¢
Minimum Bill	\$7.20
<b>Residential or Business</b>	
<b>MONTHLY WATER HEATER RENTAL</b>	
Water Heater rental rates have increased slightly to recover costs of operating the water heater rental program.	
40 gallon	\$5.10
60 gallon	\$5.90
100 gallon	\$12.95
<b>ADMINISTRATION CHARGES</b>	
Change of Occupancy	\$9.00
Various Charges may apply for non-payment of an account or a service call, depending on the nature of the call.	
1997 MONTHLY BUSINESS SERVICE RATES	
<b>DEMAND CHARGE</b>	
First 50 KW	N/C
Next 4,950 KW	\$4.95
Balance	\$12.41
Minimum Bill	
Under 50KW	\$7.20 per KW
Over 50 KW	.60¢ per KW
<i>*based on the highest billing demand in the previous 11 months</i>	
<b>ENERGY CHARGE</b>	
First 250 kW.h	11.58¢
Next 12,250 kW.h	7.52¢
Next 1,862,000 kW.h	5.53¢
Balance	3.54¢

**Markham Hydro** *Your Community Owned Power Company*

8100 Warden Avenue, P.O. Box 4100, Markham, Ontario L3R 8H7, Telephone: (905) 477-3810

Don McKee Chairman	Paul Hyatt Vice-Chairman	Bill Burnett Commissioner	Don McNabb Commissioner	Mayor Don Cousens Commissioner
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## Church Focus

### Remember the message of Christmas all through the New Year

Wouldn't it be great if we could hear again this Christmas the message the angels brought at the first Christmas? "I bring you

good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day a Saviour, Christ the Lord. And on earth there is now the prospect of personal peace of heart because of this expression of God's goodwill towards mankind."

The basic theme of our yuletide greetings is "Merry Christmas", "Happy New Year". But, the real source of happiness and joy is found in the true meaning of this Christmas season. This is a joyous time of year because it marks the coming of One whose life mission was to free us from sin and bring us

into a relationship with God, even at the cost of His own life on a cross some 33 years later.

We ought not to be satisfied with the seasonal happiness that results from a feeling of goodwill and the exchange of friendly greetings and gifts. God wants us

to have a joy that lasts through every day of the year and forever. This is the joy the angel announced. It is the "peace with God" that frees us to enjoy relationships of joy.

Share the angels message at the church of your choice this holiday season.

**Markham Baptist Church**  
110 Church Street 294.5830

west of Wootton Way, opposite Markham High  
Sunday, December 29 at 10:AM  
Celebration of Witness and Praise  
Nursery Care  
Praise Place for ages 4 to 8

*A Canadian Baptist Ministries Church.*

**CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH**  
131 Main St., Unionville 474-0183  
Sunday Service 11:00 a.m.  
"The Gift of Presence"  
A warm welcome awaits you.

**BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
20 Union St., Unionville ~ 477-1731  
(Near Hwy. 7 & Main)  
Sunday School ~ 9:30 a.m.  
Worship ~ 10:30 a.m.

*We Welcome You....*

**CENTENNIAL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
8176 McCowan Rd., (Just south of Hwy. #7)  
(905) 475-7695  
Senior Pastor: Rev. Mark Lowrie

*We are a Christian fellowship that cares about you and your family.*

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
"Leave It Alone for One More Year"  
Pastor Mark Lowrie

*We offer a wide range of mid-week activities for you & your family.*

Home of the CENTENNIAL CHILD CARE CENTRE

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
14 Highgate Drive, Markham  
(Two blocks north of Steeles or two blocks south of Denison on Birchmount Rd.)  
Phone (905) 474-1224

**New Years Schedule**  
New Years Eve ~ Tuesday, December 31 - 5:00 pm  
Vigil of Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  
New Years Day ~ Wednesday, Jan. 1, 1997  
9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12 Noon and 3:30 pm  
A Blessed, peaceful and prosperous New Year to all from St. Thomas the Apostle Parish

**Grace Church**  
Anglican 294-3184  
19 Parkway Avenue, Markham  
(Parkway Runs East From Hwy. 48)  
(3 Stoplights North Of Hwy. 7)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29th  
8:30 am ~ Holy Eucharist  
10:00 am ~ Mattins & Choral Eucharist  
THURSDAY  
10:00 a.m. ~ Holy Eucharist

ALL WELCOME  
The Rev. Paul G. Walker - Rector  
LICENSED NURSERY SCHOOL 294-4920

**Come and Celebrate**  
an evening of Testimony,  
Singing and Praising  
the LORD!!  
Saturday, January 25th, 1997  
at  
**MILLIKEN MILLS COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
7600 Kennedy Rd.  
6 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.  
Canapé Dinner  
(by Suzanne's Gourmet Catering)  
7:30 p.m. - 9:45 p.m.  
Singing by the WATCHMEN  
Gary Weeks, Roger Legacy  
and Tammy Taylor

\*Net proceeds donated to Missionaries in Africa  
For tickets please contact Paul Walker at (905) 471-0120 from Markham Bible Chapel  
Price • December • \$12.00 • January • \$14.00

You are cordially invited to join us for  
**MARKHAM CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Celebration service at  
**11 A.M. Sunday**

Sermon theme: Heartwarming Truth In A Heartbreaking World

77 Milliken Meadows Drive, Markham, Ontario L3R 0V5  
Fax: (905) 479-3062 Tel: (905) 479-3322

**MARKHAM MISSIONARY CHURCH**  
"Because Church is more than a tradition"  
Sunday, 10:30 a.m.  
Pastor Blaine Lougheed Speaking  
\*Nursery is provided both morning and evening\*  
\*Ask about our many mid-week programs\*

Rev. Winston Thurton Senior Pastor  
Rev. Blaine Lougheed Associate Pastor

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Continuing to focus upon God's Word and Family Life

All Faiths Welcome!  
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