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OEB Adjusts Electricity Prices for Residential and Small Business Consumers

Toronto – Today the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) released Regulated Price Plan (RPP) electricity commodity prices that take effect November 1, 2011.

RPP prices, reviewed semi-annually, are reflected on the “Electricity” line of residential and small business consumer bills for those who purchase their power directly from their local utility.

Time-of-use (TOU) prices are changing as follows:

On-peak (from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays)	= 10.8 ¢/kWh (↑0.1 cents)
Mid-peak (from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays)	= 9.2 ¢/kWh (↑0.3 cents)
Off-peak (from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. weekdays and all day on weekends and holidays)	= 6.2 ¢/kWh (↑0.3 cents)

The price change for RPP consumers on TOU pricing represents an increase of approximately \$2.11 on the “Electricity” line, or about 1.8% on the total bill, for a residential consumer with a typical consumption pattern who uses 800 kWh per month.

As of August 31, 2011, there were about 3.1 million (66%) residential and small business customers on TOU billing. The remaining customers are expected to be switched to TOU from tiered prices by mid 2012.

Tiered prices are changing as follows:

Price for consumption up to the tier threshold	= 7.1 ¢/kWh (↑0.3 cents)
Price for consumption above the tier threshold	= 8.3 ¢/kWh (↑0.4 cents)

Starting November 1, the threshold below which the lower tiered price applies will change from 600 kWh to 1,000 kWh per month for residential consumers. For non-residential RPP consumers, the threshold stays at 750 kWh throughout the year.

The price change for RPP consumers on tiered pricing represents an increase of approximately \$0.20 on the “Electricity” line, or about 0.2% on the total bill, for those using 800 kWh per month. For such consumers, the “Electricity” line impact of the RPP price adjustment (\$2.60) is offset by the change in the tier threshold (a reduction of \$2.40 that results from allowing 400 kWh more consumption at the lower tiered price during the winter months). When the threshold returns to 600 kWh during the summer, this offsetting impact won’t apply, and the “Electricity” line will increase as a result. Generally, the bill impact related to price changes in November is greater for consumers on TOU than for consumers on tiered pricing, but the bill impact related to price changes in May each year is greater for consumers on tiered pricing.

Though the electricity line on the bill has increased, a comparison of November 2010 and November 2011 shows overall the total bill has fallen as a result of the introduction

of the Ontario Clean Energy Benefit. An average sample bill comparison of November 2010 and November 2011 for RPP consumers using 800 kWh per month is available on our website at: http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Documents/Documents/Sample_bill_impacts_Nov2010-Nov2011.pdf

RPP prices (TOU and tiered) are changing because the forecasted cost of supply is changing. The main factors are increased nuclear and renewable generation coming online during the forecast period. This includes refurbished units at the Bruce Nuclear Generating Station along with more wind generation.

RPP prices are based on a 12-month forecast and are designed to provide stable and predictable electricity pricing as well as to ensure that the price that residential and small business consumers pay recovers the payments made to generators that supply the electricity they consume.

The Ontario Energy Board regulates the province's electricity and natural gas sectors in the public interest. It envisions a viable and efficient energy sector with informed consumers served by responsive regulatory processes that are effective, fair and transparent.

For more information, please refer to the attached backgrounder, visit the OEB website at www.ontarioenergyboard.ca or contact our Consumer Relations Centre at 416-314-2455 or toll-free at 1-877-632-2727.

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