



BRANTFORD POWER RATE CHANGES IN EFFECT JANUARY 1, 2017

January 3, 2017 - BRANTFORD, ON – The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) has approved an adjustment to electricity distribution rates and other charges for all Brantford Power customers, effective January 1, 2017.

The impact on a monthly bill will vary for each customer, based on individual usage. For example, a typical residential customer who consumes 750 kilowatt hours (kWh) of electricity per month will see their bill decrease by \$1.27, or 0.95 percent per month on average. General Service customers (for example, small businesses) having a peak demand of less than 50 kilowatts (kW) and consuming 2,000 kWh per month will see their average monthly bill increase by \$1.55 per month or 0.47 percent.

“We undertake any process that touches customers’ expenses with the highest degree of responsibility, keeping in mind the impact that bills have on homeowners and businesses in Brantford. This rate adjustment has been implemented to recover the ongoing costs of providing safe, high-quality and reliable services to the community of Brantford, and to renew assets and modernize our system for the future,” said Paul Kwasnik, President and CEO of Brantford Power Inc. “We worked diligently through the regulatory process with the Ontario Energy Board - including months of public consultation, reporting and third-party review - to reach this outcome, which ensures a sustainable distribution system for our community while also managing the impact on our customers.”

The OEB regulates electricity distribution rates in the province of Ontario on behalf of consumers, and closely scrutinized Brantford Power’s application prior to making its decision. These rates, which cover the costs of designing, building and maintaining overhead and underground lines, poles, stations and local transformers, responding to requests for day-to-day services, and providing emergency response to situations such as local power outages, are part of the “Delivery” line on a customer’s bill. In total, Brantford Power’s distribution rates account for 19% of the typical residential customer’s bill.

Customers can learn more about the impact of this change on their bill by using the OEB’s Online Bill Calculator, available at ontarioenergyboard.ca.

A detailed listing of Brantford Power’s 2017 Delivery and Regulatory rates and charges can be found at brantfordpower.com/rates.

In addition, the Government of Ontario has introduced an 8% provincial rebate for electricity consumers for consumption beginning January 1, 2017. Although local distribution companies were given until July 1 to implement this change, Brantford Power customers will see this rebate added to their first bill reflecting January consumption. All residential and small business consumers will automatically see

these savings reflected on their bill, and do not need to contact Brantford Power to enroll. Larger business consumers may also qualify, and are encouraged to visit brantfordpower.com/forms for eligibility criteria, and to download an 8% Provincial Rebate Self-Declaration Form.

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Brantford Power Inc. delivers electricity, safely and reliably, to approximately 39,000 customers in the City of Brantford. We are also committed to offering the best energy and conservation solutions, and superior customer service.

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