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## **BRANTFORD POWER BILL DECREASE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019**

**January 9, 2019 - BRANTFORD, ON** – Brantford Power is pleased to announce that it has received approval from the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) for changes to its electricity distribution rates and other charges for Brantford Power customers, effective January 1, 2019. For most customers, these changes will result in bill decreases.

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 \$1.37 or 1.3% per cent per month, on average. General Service customers with a peak demand of less than 50 kilowatts (for example a small business) consuming 2,000 kWh per month will see their average monthly bill decrease by \$2.98 per month or 1.1% percent.

“We are pleased to see that the Ontario Energy Board approved an overall bill decrease for 2019. We remain committed to delivering a safe and reliable supply of electricity to Brantford and modernizing our assets to ensure our system meets future needs,” said Paul Kwasnik, CEO and President of Brantford Power Inc.

The new distribution rates are part of the “Delivery” line on a customer’s bill. Distribution charges cover the costs of designing, building and maintaining overhead and underground equipment including poles, wires and transformers; responding to daily service requests; and providing emergency response to situations such as local power outages. In total, Brantford Power’s distribution rates account for approximately 24% of a typical residential customer’s bill.

The OEB regulates electricity distribution rates in Ontario on behalf of consumers. Distribution rates are approved by the Ontario Energy Board and allow Brantford Power to recover the ongoing costs of delivering a safe and reliable supply of electricity to Brantford.

Every five years, lastly in 2017, Brantford Power undergoes an intensive, public review of its projected costs, called a Cost of Service review. In between those five years, applications are submitted annually to the OEB for incremental rate adjustments.

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](http://ontarioenergyboard.ca).

A detailed listing of Brantford Power’s 2019 Delivery and Regulatory rates and charges can be found at [brantfordpower.com/rates](http://brantfordpower.com/rates).

Brantford Power Inc. delivers electricity safely and reliably to approximately 40,000 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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