

# ELECTRICITY RATES FAQs

## WHAT FACTORS AFFECT ELECTRICITY RATES?

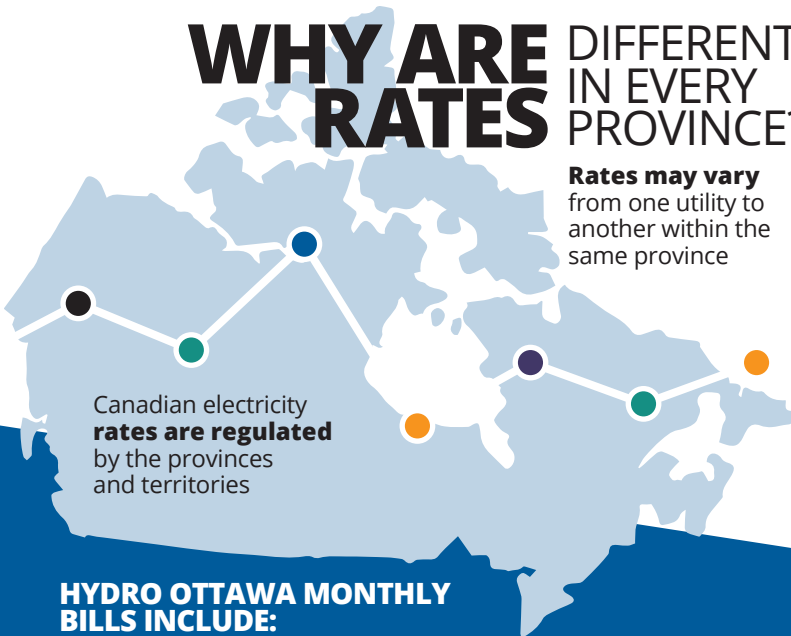
- 1 Price of power generation**
  - a. Fixed costs like the price of infrastructure
  - b. Variable costs like the price of the fuel used for generation
- 2 Distribution infrastructure and maintenance**
- 3 Geography of the region**
  - a. The final price is influenced by how far electricity has to travel from the generation source to customers
  - b. Highly populated areas share the costs between more customers
  - c. Remote areas need more infrastructure and share delivery costs among fewer customers
- 4 Availability of energy sources**

Each province has:

  - a. Its own mix of renewable and non-renewable electricity sources
  - b. The combination is unique to each region and influences electricity prices

## WHY ARE RATES DIFFERENT IN EVERY PROVINCE?

Rates may vary from one utility to another within the same province



Canadian electricity rates are regulated by the provinces and territories

### HYDRO OTTAWA MONTHLY BILLS INCLUDE:



Cost of your electricity usage



Delivery charges to bring electricity from generating stations to your home or business



Other charges such as taxes and electricity market costs

## WHERE DO ONTARIO'S ELECTRICITY RATES COME FROM?

**Ontario Energy Board (OEB)** regulates Ontario's electricity industry

### OEB REVIEWS AND SETS RESIDENTIAL AND SMALL BUSINESS ELECTRICITY RATES:



Under the Regulated Price Plan (RPP)



RPP rates are reviewed/adjusted each year on May 1 and November 1

## WHERE DOES MY HYDRO OTTAWA PAYMENT GO?



Part of the delivery charge (less than 20%) of your entire electricity bill is retained to fund operations or distribution system investments



We receive **no taxpayer money**