

Understanding The Charges On Your Electricity Bill

For an Oakville residential customer who consumes an average 1,000 kWh per month, the monthly electricity bill increased a total of 4.9% from 2005 to 2006.

The largest impact on the amount of your bill is the cost of electricity itself, which increased by an average of 12.1% in 2006. Oakville Hydro does not profit from any increase in the cost of electricity. We simply pass this payment directly to the Independent Energy System Operator (IESO).

The portion of your bill directly charged by Oakville Hydro is only 18% of the total. This distribution charge, which is regulated by the Ontario Energy Board (OEB), covers the cost of delivering electricity to your home, as well as building and maintaining the distribution system.

Our goal is to balance service quality, reliability and safety with the price the residents must pay for electricity distribution. So we are pleased to report that this rate actually decreased by 3.7% in 2006.

Although the provincial regulator has not set the 2007 rates, we are anticipating a flat or slight decrease to the Oakville Hydro part of your electricity bill next year.

Electricity Bill Breakdown

1000 kWh Residential	Average Month 2005 \$	Average Month 2006 \$	Change From Previous Year	Percent Of Bill
COMMODITY				
Averaged and Uplifted	53.29	59.75	12.13%	34
DELIVERY				
Monthly Service	15.10	13.99	-7.35%	
Dist. Charge	17.50	15.00	-14.29%	
Reg. Asset Recovery	0.00	2.40	100.00%	
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	32.60	31.39	-3.71%	18
Transmission Network	6.14	6.21	1.11%	
Trans. Connection	5.42	5.47	1.11%	
TRANSMISSION TOTAL	11.56	11.68	1.11%	7
REGULATORY				
Market Service	5.42	5.47	1.11%	
Rural Rate Assist.	1.04	1.05	1.11%	
SSS Admin.	0.25	0.25	0.00%	
REGULATORY TOTAL	6.71	6.78	1.07%	4
Debt Retirement	7.00	7.00	0.00%	4
Region (Water / Sewer)	53.23	57.27		33
TOTAL ELECTRICITY	111.15	116.60	4.94%	100
CHARGES				
GST on Electricity	6.67	7.00		
TOTAL ELECTRICITY	117.82	123.60		
INCL GST				

The example above is based on electricity consumption of 1,000 kWh per month. Individual consumption may vary. Also, the GST shown is 6% for both years for comparative purposes.

Total Oakville Hydro Residential Customer Bill Breakdown

As you can see from the table and pie chart below, there are five parts that make up your total electricity bill, of which Oakville Hydro makes up only a small percentage.

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Commodity	IESO	\$59.75	34%
Transmission	Hydro One	\$11.68	7%
Distribution	Oakville Hydro	\$31.39	18%
Other Electricity	Province	\$13.78	8%
Water / Sewer	Region of Halton	\$57.27	33%
		\$173.87	100%

