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Thunder Bay Hydro Rate Decisions

Thunder Bay, ON – The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) has approved a local distribution revenue increase in the amount of 0.18% (under two-tenths of a percent) for Thunder Bay Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.

However, the OEB decision will result in overall electricity rate increases between 2.9 – 3.7% for Thunder Bay Hydro customers. Much of the increase can be attributed to ‘flow-through rate riders’, or amounts that are collected on behalf of provincial entities. Provincial transmission rates are a factor in these costs.

Bill impacts are as follows:

	<i>Overall % monthly</i>	<i>Overall \$ monthly</i>
Residential Customer 800 kWh / month	+ 2.9%	+ \$3.16
Small Business Customer 2000 kWh / month	+ 3.7%	+ \$9.90

In a related matter, the OEB decided to allow utilities to pass costs related to a recent Class Action settlement on to customers through electricity rates. This settlement stemmed from the processing of late payment charges in the 1980's. However, the Thunder Bay Hydro Board of Directors has decided that they will not pass these costs on to our customers.

Thunder Bay Hydro is a “Local Distribution Company”. We are owned by the City of Thunder Bay and run by a City-appointed board. Our role is to take power off the provincial grid and distribute it to the residents and businesses within the city of Thunder Bay. For more information about how we fit into the provincial electricity system, see <http://www.tbhydro.on.ca/Market/Provincial-System.htm>.

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