

Electricity Rates are Changing Effective October 1, 2019

Rates for Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's Island Interconnected, L'Anse au Loup, Labrador Rural Interconnected and Isolated Rural residential and general service customers are changing effective October 1, 2019.

WHY ARE RATES CHANGING?

On September 25, 2019, electricity rate changes for all customers were approved by the Newfoundland and Labrador Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities as the final step in Hydro's current General Rate Application. This rate change also includes costs related to the annual Rate Stabilization Plan adjustment, which normally comes into effect in July each year.

While there are many factors that contribute to the cost of generating and delivering electricity for customers, increasing fuel costs are having a significant impact on electricity rates for customers on the island. Hydro is forecasting an increase in the amount of fuel we use to reliably operate the province's electricity system, as well as a significant increase in the forecast price of fuel since rates last changed in 2018. Although we expect to use less fuel in the future, today we rely heavily on oil to operate our Holyrood plant and reliably serve customers – this has a direct impact on electricity rates.

In Labrador, increased customer usage and customer growth is resulting in a rate decrease for most residential customers (on the interconnected system in Upper Lake Melville and Labrador West).

WHAT ARE THE RATE CHANGES?

System/Area	Description	Customer Type	Average Rate Change %	Adjusted for Northern Strategic Plan*
Island Interconnected System	Customers in rural areas on the island served by Hydro (e.g. St. Anthony, Springdale).	Residential	6.4%	
		General Service: 0 to 100 kW	6.2%	
		General Service: 110 to 1000 kVA	6.7%	
		General Service: 1000 kVA and Over	6.7%	
Isolated Island Systems (Excluding Government Departments)	Customers in isolated rural communities served by Hydro's diesel generation (e.g., Ramea, St. Brendan's, etc.)	Residential	6.0%	
		General Service: 0 to 10 kW	6.4%	
		General Service: Over 10 kW	6.4%	
Isolated Labrador Systems (Excluding Government Departments)	Customers in isolated rural communities served by Hydro's diesel generation (e.g., Cartwright, Hopedale, etc.)	Residential	6.0%	1.5%
		General Service: 0 to 10 kW	6.4%	
		General Service: Over 10 kW	6.4%	
L'Anse au Loup Systems	Customers from L'Anse au Clair to Red Bay, Labrador	Residential	6.4%	3.8%
		General Service: 0 to 100 kW	6.2%	
		General Service: 110 to 1000 kVA	6.7%	
		General Service: 1000 kVA and Over	6.7%	
Labrador Interconnected	Customers serviced by Hydro's interconnected system in Labrador (e.g. Labrador City, Wabush, North West River, Happy Valley – Goose Bay)	Residential	-3.1%	
		General Service: 0 to 10 kW	-3.2%	
		General Service: 10 to 100 kW (110kVA)	-3.1%	
		General Service: 110 to 1000 kVA	-3.1%	
		General Service: 1000 kVA and Over	-2.9%	

*Basic customer and life-line block rates are based on Labrador Interconnected rates via the Northern Strategic Plan.