

**NET METERING**

# Non-residential Power Purchase Agreement Price Comparison

## Before you sign up, compare prices

This Price Comparison compares the price businesses pay on the variable portion (i.e., the charges based on your kWh consumption) of the bill from their utility to the price for the equivalent electricity services provided through the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA). This is not a total bill comparison.

Even if your business enters into a PPA, your business will still pay other charges to keep your business connected to the electricity distribution system. These charges include Delivery charges as well as taxes. Further, depending on the amount of electricity your business purchases under the PPA, your business may have to purchase additional electricity from the utility or enter into a separate agreement with a retailer to meet your business's monthly consumption needs.



# Understanding the Price Comparison

Businesses that purchase their electricity from their utility can choose to pay either Time-of-Use (TOU) or Tiered prices. Check your business’s latest bill or contact your utility to see which price plan it is currently on. These prices change every November.

Table A shows TOU prices and Table B shows Tiered prices. Both are billed by your business’s utility and set by the Ontario Energy Board (OEB). Table C shows the PPA price offered by the energy retailer.

The information on this page and in Tables A and B was prepared by the OEB. Tables C, D and the “Description of PPA Offer” were prepared by the energy retailer based on instructions established by the OEB.



**Before comparing prices, here are key things you need to know**

**Other charges:** Even if your business begins to receive electricity generated from a Renewable Generation System through a PPA, your business will still have to pay other charges each month to have any additional electricity delivered to your business by your utility or an energy retailer.

**Additional variable charges:** Additional Variable Charges include fees for electricity distribution, regulation and transmission. The Additional Variable Charges included in Tables A, B and D are a simple average of the variable charges for a business that consumes \_\_\_\_\_ kWh per month applied by Electricity Utilities across Ontario as of \_\_\_\_\_. The variable charges on your current bill may differ.

**TOU pricing:** Under TOU pricing, the amount your business pays for electricity depends on when your business uses it.

For example, a small business may use:

- \_\_\_\_\_ during Off-Peak hours when prices are lowest
- \_\_\_\_\_ during Mid-Peak hours when prices are higher
- \_\_\_\_\_ during On-Peak hours when prices are highest

These patterns are reflected in Table A.

**Tiered pricing:** Under Tiered pricing, a business can use up to \_\_\_\_\_ each month at a lower price. Once that Tier 1 limit is exceeded, a higher price applies. Your business can use a certain amount of electricity each month at a lower price.

Tables A, B and D compare prices for three different levels of monthly electricity use. Check your bill and select the kWh level that is closest to what your business uses each month.

## Description of PPA Offer and Additional Charges

Tables C, D and the “Description of PPA Offer” were prepared by the energy retailer based on instructions established by the OEB.

**Table A:** Variable bill charges from your utility  
(for TOU customers)

	kWh	kWh	kWh
<b>Off-Peak</b> ¢/kWh			
<b>Mid-Peak</b> ¢/kWh			
<b>On-Peak</b> ¢/kWh			
<b>Additional variable charges</b> ¢/kWh			
<b>Estimated variable charge monthly total</b>			

These prices are set by the OEB. The bill amounts are calculated using the TOU consumption pattern described on the left. Your business's usage pattern may be different.

**Table B:** Variable bill charges from your utility  
(for Tiered customers)

	kWh	kWh	kWh
<b>Tier 1</b> (up to kWh x ¢)			
<b>Tier 2</b> (over kWh x ¢)			
<b>Additional variable charges</b> ¢/kWh			
<b>Estimated variable charge monthly total</b>			

These prices are set by the OEB.

**Please Note:** Tables C, D are intended to provide a comparison of the price businesses pay on the variable portion (i.e., the charges based on kWh consumption) of the bill from their utility to the price for the equivalent electricity distribution and services provided if you enter into a PPA. This is not a total bill comparison. It is important that you review and understand the terms of the PPA and the information in the Disclosure Statement in order to understand the net metering agreement and this price comparison.

**Table C:** PPA price offered by electricity retailer

<b>Forecasted annual generation</b>	kWh
<b>Forecasted monthly generation</b> (Forecasted annual generation/12)	kWh
<b>kWh x ¢ PPA price</b>	
<b>Additional Charges</b>	
<b>PPA total price*</b>	



**Table D:** Variable bill charges from your utility for additional electricity

	kWh	kWh	kWh
<b>Average electricity cost **</b> ¢/kWh			
<b>Additional variable charges</b> ¢/kWh			
<b>Estimated variable charge monthly total</b>			
<b>Net metering credit</b> Z kWh x ¢			
<b>Estimated final variable charge monthly total†</b>			

These prices are set by the OEB.

	kWh	kWh	kWh
<b>Total Monthly Charge:</b>			
<b>Total on-bill credits:</b>			



## You can change your mind

**Note:** Cancellation of the PPA may give rise to penalties or other charges payable under the Associated Equipment Agreement (AEA).

Be sure to read the terms of the AEA carefully.

### Having second thoughts?

You can cancel the PPA with no penalty associated with the PPA itself:

- within **10** days after entering into a PPA;
- within **30** days after you receive your second bill under the PPA. You will still have to pay the bill.

You can cancel any time after that, but there may be a cancellation fee. Review your PPA carefully for all cancellation details.

### Confirming the PPA

You will be contacted 10 – 45 days after you've entered into the PPA to verify that you wish to continue with it. If you do not want to continue with the PPA, you can say so. You will not have to pay a cancellation fee associated with the PPA's cancellation, though cancellation of the PPA may give rise to penalties or fees outlined in the AEA.

## Acknowledgment

I have read and understood this Price Comparison.  
This Price Comparison is not part of the **PPA**.

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\* Note: The PPA Total Price may not include charges related to the installation, leasing, rental, maintenance or removal of equipment, systems or technology the supplier is providing to the business. Make sure you review your business's AEA to identify if there are additional charges.

\*\* Note: Average Electricity Cost consists of the kWh the business buys from the Electricity Utility multiplied by the average cost of a kWh in Ontario. TOU and Tiered consumption estimates in Tables A and B are an example of an Ontario business's usage pattern. Under net metering your business's usage pattern may differ based on many factors such as when your business consumes electricity generated by the Renewable Energy System and when your business buys from and sends power to the grid.

† If your business's Final Variable Charge Monthly Total is \$0 (i.e., you did not buy any electricity from your business's utility), credits accumulated will not be applied to the current bill and your utility will apply any accumulated credits on an ongoing basis for up to 12 months. Your business's net metering credits expire after 12 months without being applied to an electricity line.

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Contact us if you have questions or concerns:

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