

# Electricity's Real Charge

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Prof. Don Dewees states electricity prices do not reflect the cost of Green Energy Act policies (Shocker: We Don't Pay Enough For Electricity - Jan. 18). The government has not disclosed to Ontarians the price increases that are coming nor has it involved them in the policy decisions leading to those increases.

Electricity prices now reflect a portion of the smart meter program and will soon include the costs of renewable energy generation, a host of conservation programs, the so-called "smart grid," the increase in the profit allowed by utilities that will add more than \$100-million to Hydro One customers' bills alone, and the HST on everyone's electricity bill, an 8 per cent increase.

These projects may be good for Ontario by making us a "greener" province and providing a stable energy supply. But they will add billions of dollars for consumers. Ontarians who pay the costs should be involved in the policy decisions. It is time for the government to disclose the real costs of its policies so that consumers can determine what they are getting. They need to know significant increases are coming and why.

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