

Energy Demand Management

ORHMA continues to be very involved in the area of Energy Efficiency and encouraging a Culture of Conservation to its membership. ORHMA has become a leading resource to our foodservice and accommodation members in Ontario for electricity, natural gas, solar & water incentive rebate programs as well as providing energy consulting support.

ORHMA has dedicated unique industry-only incentive programs for our industry through Green Eats and Green Suites. To provide members with cost certainty and group buying power, the ORHMA also offers a program for bulk purchasing fixed rate natural gas and electricity.

The Government of Ontario is encouraging electricity users to reduce consumption during peak periods by escalating prices, persuading (some may say forcing) businesses to reduce demand. Unfortunately, despite energy conscious efforts and actions taken, **food service and accommodation operators do not have the privilege and opportunity to reduce demand.** The industry needs support in the form of regulations or rebates that reflect the unique process of business. The hospitality industry **operates at full throttle during peak times**, quite simply servicing the public of Ontario and accommodating the people behind business growth and development in Ontario.

The hospitality operators in Ontario have no choice but to pay the peak energy prices since they **cannot take advantage** of Time Of Use reduced rate periods. In fact, business is slower during the off peak price periods. The industry uses less energy and pays less for it! This is contradictory to the Governments intention where they are forcing operators to conserve by simply increasing the cost of energy.

To allow for a more **sustainable future for the hospitality industry**, discounted peak rates or rebates based on customer volumes should be extended to our industry, one that includes thousands of small businesses across Ontario. This would give the deserved recognition of the fact that these hospitality businesses cannot alter their peak consumption time of use nor their operating practices; it is **an industry that serves Ontarians and visitors to Ontario.**

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