

# Ratepayer Advisory for Saint John Energy Customers

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Saint John Energy will pass along the NB Power interim rate increase when approved by the Energy and Utilities Board (EUB). NB Power is proposing a 9.6% average increase. This interim rate increase will remain in place until NB Power's permanent rate application is approved by the EUB. This interim rate increase will not apply to the Saint John Energy's water heater rental program.

Mr. Eric Marr, President and CEO of Saint John Energy, stated that the Commission had been anticipating this rate increase for a number of months. They were relieved that the announced interim increase request was less than 10% contrary to what had been indicated in recent media reports. He attributed the increased rates not only to the increased cost to purchase power, but also to escalating prices in fuel, metals and other costs related to utility operations, all of which increase the Commission's own costs.

"We are concerned with the impact of any rate increase on our customers, however, these increases are required if we are to continue to maintain the financial stability of the Commission's operations. We continue in our mission of providing safe reliable electricity at the lowest cost possible."

To help offset the effect of this increase; Saint John Energy will continue to promote energy conservation efforts such as their recent "Lighting the Way, Save Everyday" Compact Fluorescent Light (CFL) Campaign which resulted in 90,000 CFL's being distributed to residential customers. Since that campaign, customers have saved an estimated two hundred and fifty thousand dollars and have reduced green house gas emissions by eleven hundred tonnes. Other energy conservation tips are available at [www.sjenergy.com](http://www.sjenergy.com).

"We will continue to work with Efficiency New Brunswick in their efforts to assist homeowners with energy efficiency measures in the upcoming months. We invite our customers to contact our energy advisor, who can offer suggestions geared toward their specific needs."

Saint John Energy provides home energy audits at a nominal fee.

Saint John Energy was formed as the Power Commission of the City of Saint John in 1922 to construct and operate works to transmit and distribute power in the City. Today, Saint John Energy services more than 36,000 local customers through 13 substations, with energy sales of over 950,000,000 kilowatt hours annually.

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