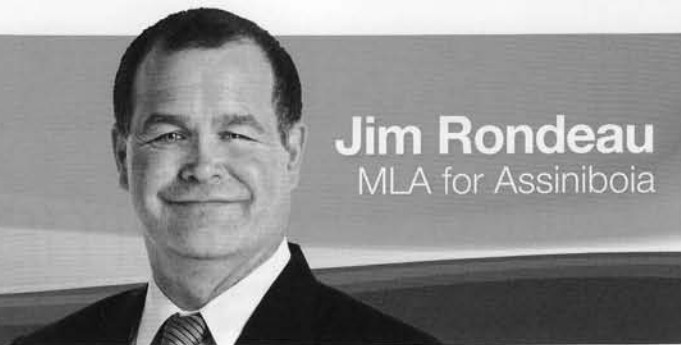


# Assiniboia Constituency News

**Jim Rondeau**  
MLA for Assiniboia



Greetings,

Over the past few years there has been a lot of information and misinformation about one of our public crown jewels: Manitoba Hydro.

This newsletter will provide you with publically available information on long-term plans for Hydro, and how those plans will benefit you and your family. I am also including information on programs you may be eligible for that can help you save energy and money.

The bottom line is this: we're making sure Manitoba families continue to pay among the lowest electricity rates in North America, while also making sure we take full advantage of one of our most important natural resources—hydroelectricity.

To do this, we have built the Wuskwatim Generating Station, and are in the process of building Keeyask.

Since 2005, Manitoba Hydro's export sales have totalled \$5.2 billion. Our forecasted total export revenues are \$16 billion over the next 20 years. This export revenue will help pay for upcoming projects, which will then help meet power needs of Manitobans for decades to come. These projects will also provide economic and skilled training opportunities for people across the province.

Our government will continue to seize the opportunities at hand: developing Hydro, creating good jobs, and ensuring reliable electricity for the future.

Sincerely,

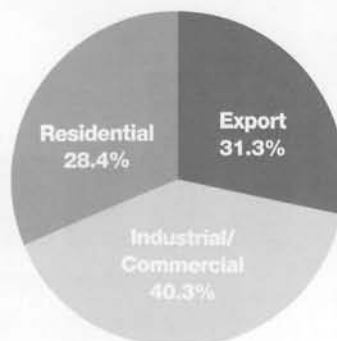
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## Electricity Exports

In 2013-14, Manitoba Hydro's export sales totalled \$439 million with 89 per cent coming from the U.S. market and 11 per cent from sales to Canadian markets.

Utility providers in the United States want long-term price certainty and stability. These utility companies see value in purchasing hydroelectricity from Manitoba Hydro through long-term, fixed contracts that are not linked to volatile natural gas prices.

### Revenue Sources – Electricity 2004/05 – 2013/14



Industrial/Commercial	<b>\$6.7 billion</b>
Export	<b>\$5.2 billion</b>
Residential	<b>\$4.3 billion</b>

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## Benefits to Manitobans

Income from export sales helps keep Manitoba Hydro's electricity rates among the lowest in North America.

Our province's rivers provide a vast, reliable source of clean renewable energy, which is attractive to our customers in neighbouring jurisdictions who are looking to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions.

The seasonal demand for electricity in the U.S., our largest market, is opposite to our own, giving us extra capacity without investment. U.S. demand peaks in summer; Manitoba demand peaks in winter.

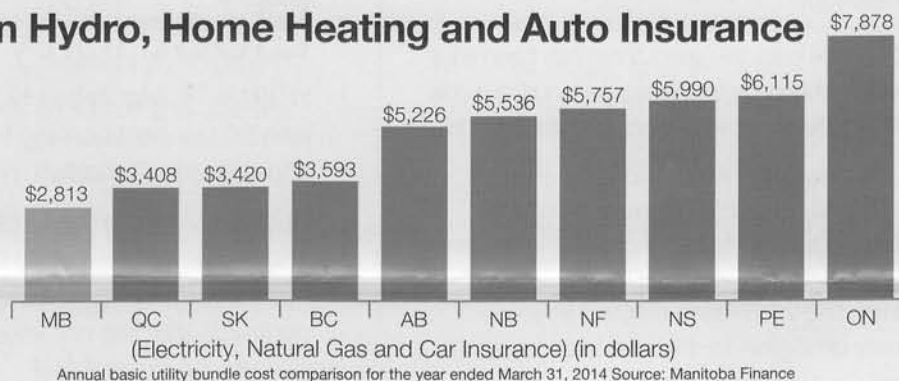
# Tax credits

## Manitoba Families Save Big on Household Costs

To ensure our Hydro, home heating and auto insurance rates stay low, we made it law that our bundled utility rates in Manitoba remain the lowest in Canada. This is independently audited every year.

### Manitobans Save Big on Hydro, Home Heating and Auto Insurance

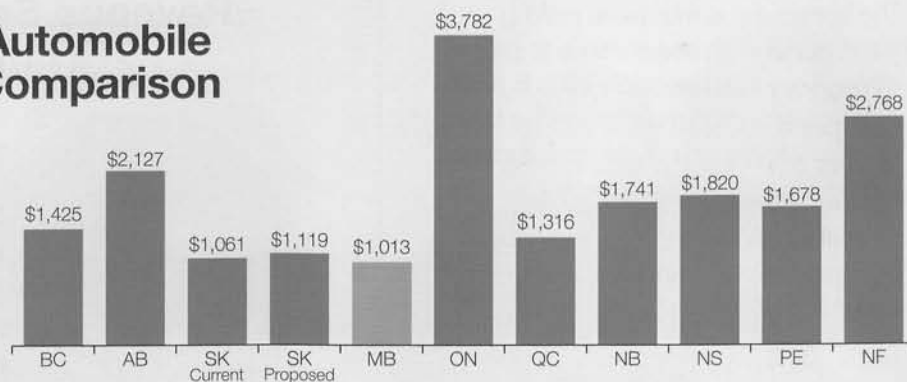
Because of our commitment to keeping Manitoba Hydro and MPI publicly owned, Manitoba families paid over \$2,000 less in home heating, electricity and auto insurance rates this year than the Canadian average.



### SGI's Cross-Canada Automobile Insurance Premium Comparison

Based on a yearly survey done by Saskatchewan, **Manitoba consistently has among the lowest rates** when it comes to automobile insurance.

Source: Saskatchewan Auto Fund 2014 Rate Proposal



### 2014 Tax and Basic Household Costs

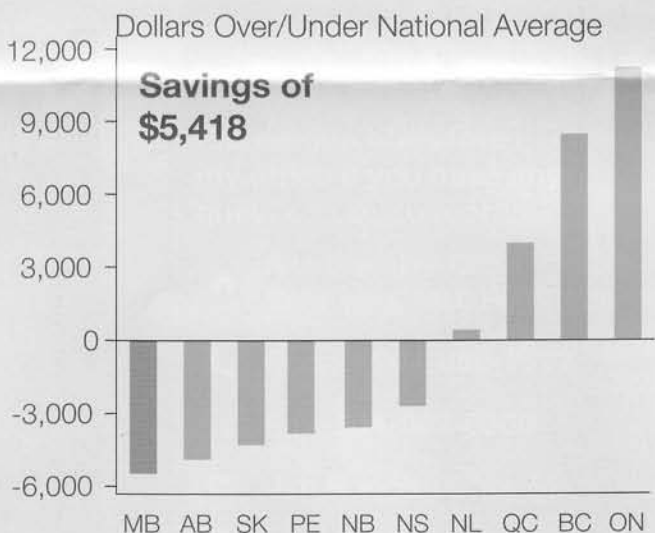
The average Manitoba family saves more than \$5,418 over the national average\* on their taxes and household costs—the best in Canada.

(Basic household costs include: mortgage, utilities and transportation.)

\*National average = \$31,578

Source: Manitoba Finance

### Two-Earner Family of Four Earning \$76,000



Please don't hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions or concerns.

# Power Smart Programs: Saving Energy, Saving Money

Manitoba Hydro's Power Smart programs make it easy and affordable to make your home more energy efficient.

The Power Smart program has grown by leaps and bounds since our government came into office. Manitoba Hydro is helping Manitobans save on their energy costs, and Power Smart has already saved Manitobans more than \$800 million to date.

Work is being done to expand this successful program. Manitoba Hydro is expected to spend more than \$60 million over ten years on expanded Power Smart initiatives to benefit Manitoba families.

**Manitoba Hydro's Home Insulation Program** helps homeowners who add insulation to their existing home. You can save approximately \$150 to \$300 a year (depending on how you heat your home) and receive a rebate on the cost of purchasing the insulation materials.

**Retire your second refrigerator or freezer!** Manitoba Hydro will pick it up for free and you receive \$50.

Through the **Affordable Energy Program**, qualifying lower income homeowners and home renters can receive free insulation and other energy saving items, as well as a new high-efficiency natural gas furnace or boiler for only \$9.50/month over five years.

Get your free **Water & Energy Saver Kit** and save up to \$30 a year on your energy bill.

Manitoba Hydro loans & financing options, including the **Pay As You Save (PAYS)** program, offer extended term financing to help you upgrade the energy efficiency of your home.



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