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Ontario's residential consumers are facing bill increases that are significant, and these increases are expected to continue for the next several years. The bill increases are attributable to all components of the bill including distribution, transmission, regulatory charges, commodity costs and the Global Adjustment. Although the IESO is not responsible for the major components of the overall bill, it is imperative that the IESO do what it can to ensure that changes in the Ontario market are pursued in the best interests of consumers. In addition, it is imperative that the IESO's activities are pursued in a cost-effective manner.

We continue to support dialogue regarding the Global Adjustment, although we do not support the recent reallocation of the Global Adjustment. Given that issue has been decided through regulation we promote methodologies that would ensure the Global Adjustment is allocated in a manner that is fair to all Ontario ratepayers.

We would like to ensure that the introduction of TOU pricing is facilitated in the most cost-effective way possible, including the operation of the MDM/R.

We would like to ensure that the process dealing with the connection of renewables is also done in the most cost-effective way possible, and in the best interests of consumers.