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Re: Ontario Power Generation Inc. - Board File No. EB-2014-0370

Dear OPG,

This letter is to strenuously object to the application by Ontario Power Generation (OPG) to once again increase hydro rates, this time by an amount that will result in paying an additional \$3.08 per month.

This proposed increase will have a serious impact on our seniors, especially those on fixed incomes. When rates increased just last year, many people in our rural communities were forced to access assistance from "A Place Called Home" to afford to keep their homes warm and safe.

You have already cut OPG's application by more than half and I encourage you to dismiss the rate hike entirely. Citizens can simply not afford - and should not have to - pay more for hydro along with the other costs of living. This request for us to pay more for hydro comes at a time of unacceptable salaries, waste and inefficiencies at OPG. Costs saving should be found there before asking us to pay more out of our pockets for a vital service.

I also encourage you in the strongest possible terms to fulfill your commitment to holding public hearings on this application so we - both as customers and the people - can have our say in person. This is a principle of democracy as well as the unaffordability of hydro.

Sincerely,



Mike Barkwell

