

FEBRUARY 6, 2015

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD  
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RE: FILE NUMBER EB-2014-0370

DEAR SIRs;

I AM WRITING TO THE BOARD TO REGISTER MY PROTEST CONCERNING THE PROPOSED HYDRO RATE INCREASE THAT IS SOUGHT BY THE APPLICANT IN THIS FILE.

I HAVE MADE AN ATTEMPT TO FIND THE REASON FOR THIS INCREASE REQUEST AND FIND NOTHING BUT UNINTELLIGIBLE SCRIPT. AT LEAST THAT IS THE CASE FOR A LAY-PERSON USING YOUR WEB-SITE. WHY THE CASE CANNOT BE MADE IN SIMPLE LAY LANGUAGE ONLY LEADS ONE TO BELIEVE THAT THERE IS NO LEGITIMATE REASON FOR YET ANOTHER RATE INCREASE.

WE ARE HOMEOWNERS IN A RURAL AREA OF NORTHERN ONTARIO. WE HAVE LIVED AT OUR LOCATION FOR OVER 60 YEARS. APPROXIMATELY 26 YEARS AGO WE CONVERTED OUR HEATING FROM OIL TO A WATER-SOURCED GEOTHERMAL SYSTEM THAT IS ENTIRELY ELECTRICITY DEPENDENT FOR OPERATION. IN FACT, OUR ENTIRE HOUSE IS ELECTRICITY DEPENDENT. THIS IS A FACT FOR MANY, MANY OTHER HOMEOWNERS IN RURAL AREAS OF ONTARIO. NEEDLESS TO SAY, OUR HYDRO COSTS HAVE ALMOST DOUBLED IN THE LAST FEW YEARS.

IT IS VERY MISLEADING TO SUGGEST THAT THE PROPOSED INCREASE OF \$3.08 PER MONTH IS REALLY APPROPRIATE. MOST ONTARIO CONSUMERS OF ELECTRICITY ARE ABLE TO USE NATURAL GAS FOR THEIR ENERGY NEEDS. THEIR AVERAGE INCREASE MAY BE ONLY \$3.08 PER MONTH BUT IT IS NOT TYPICAL OF HOMEOWNERS WITHOUT ACCESS TO NATURAL GAS.

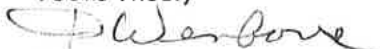
OUR LATEST HYDRO BILL (DEC. 16, 2014 TO JAN. 16M 2015) IS \$713.37 WITH TOTAL CONSUMPTION OF 3859KWH. YOU CAN READILY SEE THAT THE PROPOSED INCREASE WILL BE A LOT MORE THAN \$3.08 PER MONTH.

OUR HYDRO COSTS FOR THE 2014 CALENDAR YEAR TOTAL \$ 5675.00. THAT IS AN INCREASE OF \$1100.00 OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR. SOME OF THE INCREASE IS DUE TO A COLDER 2014 WINTER THAN USUAL BUT A LOT IS NEVER ENDING RATE INCREASES.

IN SUMMARY, WE ASK THAT THE OEB REFUSE THE REQUESTED RATE INCREASE. FURTHER, WE ASK THAT THE PROPONENTS OF THESE KINDS OF RATE INCREASES PHRASE THEIR REQUESTS IN A MANNER THAT WILL ALLOW THOSE THAT WILL BE AFFECTED TO UNDERSTAND WHAT IS BEING REQUESTED AND WHY. SIMPLE LANGUAGE AND TERMS ARE NOT THAT DIFFICULT TO FIND!!

PLEASE GIVE OUR REQUEST YOUR UTMOST ATTENTION.

YOURS TRULY,



DEAN WENBORNE

