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LETTER OF COMMENT

Comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the application of InnPower to increase its electricity distribution rates.

I am very surprised and upset by the InnPower application to increase its distribution rate by \$10.69 per month. I am strongly opposed to such a large increase.

The proposed increase in the distribution rate is excessive and unwarranted. It is much greater than the current inflation rate and cannot be justified.

My wife and I attended the OEB community meeting today (March 9/17) regarding this proposed increase. We found the presentation by the InnPower CEO very poor in addressing the issues that would justify this rate increase.

The InnPower CEO compared InnPower to Mississauga Hydro in trying to justify the increase. This is a totally invalid comparison. It is like trying to compare apples and oranges. Mississauga is a large urban centre and Innisfil is a mainly rural community. Comparisons should be made with similar communities such as New Tecumseth, Essa, Collingwood, and Springwater. Those would be valid comparisons.

The InnPower CEO also tried to justify the rate increase by saying the costs of the March 2016 ice storm need to be recouped. The costs of the ice storm to InnPower were estimated as less than \$300k by the CEO. If that is the case, how does it justify a monthly increase of over \$10 to every InnPower customer? The proposed increase would raise significantly more monies than the estimated cost of the 2016 ice storm.

Also, the InnPower CEO did not address other ways of reducing the need for such a large rate increase. Specifically, amalgamation with lower cost utilities and/or selling of the new InnPower building were not addressed as ways to reduce costs.

In summation, I do not believe the proposed rate increase by InnPower is either justified or warranted by the reasons articulated by its CEO.

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