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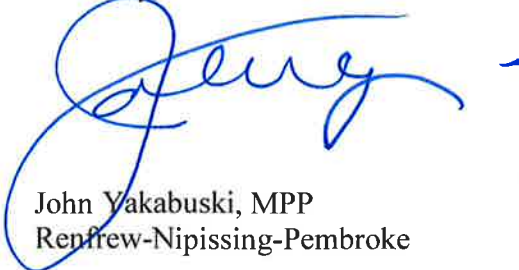
To the Board of Directors at the OEB,

Recently I was copied on a letter written by Donald Carnegie who is President of NRTC Communications in my riding of Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke. He wrote to you last month expressing his concerns about the Review of Miscellaneous Rates and Charges (case number EB-2015-0304) which determined that it will adopt a new province-wide wireline pole attachment charge of \$52 per attacher per year per pole.

This jump is far too much, too fast. As Mr. Carnegie notes in his original letter to you, over the last 13 years the attachment charge rate has skyrocketed 230%, a percentage increase that is not sustainable. This cost increase will ultimately be passed on to the consumers, which will create an even higher barrier for rural Ontarians to get broadband and other services.

Given that NRTC has no choice but to use hydro poles to provide television, internet, and phone services to their customers, I join them in calling for the rate to be set at \$22.35 and adjusted for inflation until this matter can be addresses more thoroughly. I look forward to your prompt response to this reasonable request and please copy Mr. Carnegie on that correspondence.

Sincerely,


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Cc: Donald Carnegie, NRTC Communications, 4 Stewart Street, Beachburg, ON K0J 1C0