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The Ontario Energy Board

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-- Comments --

We have had the privilege of living in Simcoe County for 15 years. At first we lived in Severn township where Hydro One was our only choice and saw the increases in rates go so high to cause us to worry about using our lights and electrical devices.

The service was awful as it failed in our area nearly a dozen times each year- on average- sometimes for days, other for 4-6 hours. We were so concerned we wired the house for a generator which we used - often.

Coming into Orillia meant that we would have controlled increases in rates, more reliable service, and benefit from the \$1,000,000. Earnings each year to the benefit of all taxpayers.

Imagine our disappointment and distress when we found our condo building was 'sub-metered' and who knows who provides our electricity.

This means we don't have TOU rates - and have no idea who approves our increases or by how much.

We intended to push City Hall to have Orillia Hydro as our distributor, but heard about the Hydro One proposal at the same time we moved into our condo that we didn't want to fight a battle when the predicted results would not help us at all.

When the proposal was turned down by OEB we were thrilled - it meant we had a chance of having Orillia Hydro as our electricity provider.

Please don't make an 'almost' monopoly even bigger by buying up the small local competitors with some petty promises to keep rates low for a few years, while providing poor service to unsuspecting households.

Hydro one is big enough now, and our rates are among the highest rates in the world for no apparent reason other than - it can raise at will. You'll notice that there are no promises relating to reliability of service - that's because they don't care.

Small towns deserve better no matter our politicians say. They are the ones with deep pockets as they keep picking ours while taking from the companies they mke these deals with.  
You've stood up for us in the past OEB - please remain loyal by doing the right thing

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