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To The Ontario Energy Board:

Following the instructions in an article from the Orillia Today newspaper dated Thursday 29 November, 2018. We, as residents of Orillia wish to advise the Ontario Energy Board that we DO NOT want Hydro One in Orillia, Ontario. We, named in this e-mail are happy and completely satisfied with the services and the cost of the services provided by Orillia Power Distribution Corporation and want them to remain our Hydro Provider.

The majority of Orillia's population is made of up seniors, people on fixed income, indigenous people and people who relocate here to retire. Many do not understand why this unwanted application from Hydro One to purchase Orillia Power Distribution is allowed to continue, and outrageous legal costs continue to mount placing an ever increasing financial burden on the people of Orillia.

From an article published in the Orillia Packet and Times dated 03 August 2017 and referring to an earlier OEB ruling regarding the attempted purchase of Hydro One of Orillia Power Distribution Corporation. It reads as follows:

--- Essentially, the OEB is concerned the acquisition will translate into higher costs to Orillia citizens. In its order, the OEB noted when Hydro One acquired other utilities (such as Woodstock, Haldimand and Norfolk), there were "large distribution rate increases for some customers ... once the deferred rebasing period elapses."

Orillia Mayor Steve Clarke, a leading proponent of the plan, said the city took pains to negotiate a deal that would ensure that would not occur. "That's not what we negotiated and that's not what we expect," Clarke said. But he also noted the city is not in the driver seat in negotiations. "We're just passengers in the process," he said. "Hydro One is driving it." And therein lies the problem. In a landscape-changing deal of this magnitude, it is frustrating to see an outside entity at the steering wheel, especially when that entity is the much-maligned, dysfunctional, bloated Hydro One monopoly. Kudos to the OEB for this enforced intermission. Its ruling underlines many of the concerns people have. It also gives everyone a chance to re-evaluate the playing field --- an opportunity the city should take seriously before jumping into bed with a loathsome lover that has often over-promised and under-delivered. --- End of Orillia Packet and Times article.

We, the people named below respectfully ask the OEB to dismiss this second application

regarding Hydro One's request to purchase Orillia Power Distribution Corporation and allow one of the great qualities that attract people to Orillia, namely our Hydro Provider to remain intact and with us.

Would you kindly acknowledge receipt of this e-mail message at address:

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Thank you.

Wallace Shelswell - [REDACTED]

Marion Shelswell - [REDACTED]

Janice Corriveau - [REDACTED]

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