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To: OEB
RE: File No. EB-2018-0270

As a rural Hydro One distribution consumer, I object to Hydro One taking over Orillia Power distribution. I do not see how it is beneficial to pay \$41 million dollars and build a technical hub in Orillia, especially when Orillia has been so aggressively involved in tearing Ontario Hydro apart. The concern of the OEB that the customers of Orillia not be harmed does not take into account the adverse affects that the decision will have on rural Hydro One distribution customers.

In 1990 Hydro One assumed the cost of taking over Orillia Water Light and Power's high voltage transmission costs from its 3 power houses, about 150 miles of hydro lines. In reality this is like a subsidy. The result was that Orillia got rid of 30% of its work force and its transmission costs and Hydro One paid for their transmission costs at the expense of rural Ontario

Hydro distribution customers. This takeover is an extension of Hydro One assuming the costs of Orillia Power. This is compounded by the fact that they will pay less as consumers.

I have attached the still very relevant submission made by Frank Kehoe during the last application to the OEB. I would like to draw your attention to one important omission in his report; Ontario Hydro debt was .7 cents per kilowatt at the time he is referring to in his submission (Orillia's debt was .4 cents per kilowatt).

Changing the date from which the 1% rate reduction is calculated for Orillia residents does not change the fact that the “do no harm” expectation has not been met for current, rural, Hydro One consumers. The new application does not address our concerns. The second application should indeed be dismissed.

I would like to be an intervenor in this process. The rural Hydro One Consumers deserve to have someone, that is familiar with the energy generation and distribution of the province, speak on their behalf.

Thank You,
Maurice McMillan

-- Attachment --

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