

To: The Ontario Energy Board

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Re: case number EB-2018-0270

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To: The Ontario Energy Board.

We, the undersigned are following the instructions in an article from the Orillia Today newspaper dated Thursday November 29, 2018.

The recent attempts Hydro One has made towards the purchase of Orillia Power Distribution Corporation raises many concerns for us. The city of Orillia is comprised of mostly seniors, people on a fixed income, indigenous peoples, and those peoples who relocated here to retire.

A ruling by the Ontario Energy Board published in the Orillia today dated August 03, 2017 states clearly that this purchase/takeover was not in the best interest for the citizens of Orillia. The published article is quoted for reference.

"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 lapsed."

Our mayor Steve Clarke who supports this proposal has publicly stated that Hydro one is the driving force in this acquisition. Orillia Power is an asset to the people that it provides quality service to.

Today we are asking that the OEB stand by its decision to prevent this purchase in the interest of the citizens of Orillia. We have included our contact information for the record.

Sincere Regards

