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ONTARIO ENERGY BD

EB-2008-0167

Ontario Energy Board
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Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

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Attention: Board Secretary

Re: Hydro One 2008 Delivery Rate Changes

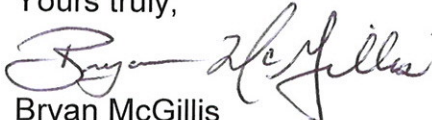
On behalf of the residents and Council of the Township of South Stormont, I wish to express our enormous concern with regards to delivery rate changes that have been implemented. Previously, this Council has opposed Ontario Energy Board (OEB) rate adjustments. Attached please find a copy of Resolution No. 45/2008 dated February 20, 2008; the difficulty residents, small and large businesses and the agricultural sector face is explained within.

Once again, adjustments are being implemented that increase the overall hydro bill for users. Therefore, once again, I reiterate that in these difficult economic times, residents and businesses simply cannot afford another increase.

Correspondence received from Hydro One provided further notice that increases are being requested for the 2009 Distribution Rates. Although Council can appreciate the expenditures associated with providing electricity, we **strongly oppose** the possibility of additional increases being considered. We therefore, respectfully request serious re-examination for the implementation of any increase. The economic viability of the Township of South Stormont is based on the success of small businesses, the agricultural sector and the financial stability of residents.

In closing, we appreciate any consideration with this very important and sensitive concern.

Yours truly,



Bryan McGillis
Mayor

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Resolution No.: 45/2008

Date: February 20, 2008

Moved by:

Councillor/Deputy Mayor

Seconded by:

Councillor/Deputy Mayor

Whereas an application has been made by Ontario Power Generation (OPG) to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) seeking approval for an increase in payment amounts for output of generating facilities that include the R. H. Saunders Hydroelectric station in Cornwall;

And whereas 40% of Ontario's electrical energy is produced by Ontario generating stations and the proposed 14% increase will generate dollars for the refurbishment and improvement of aging hydroelectric stations;

And whereas OPG indicates that an average residential customer, consuming 1,000 kWh per month would cause an approximate monthly increase of \$2.75, which translates to \$33.00 per year, however, the increase effect is unidentified for small and large businesses, the agricultural industry, institutional facilities etc.;

And whereas Council and staff of the Township of South Stormont work responsibly to ensure public funds are used effectively and efficiently and further, annually review and justify any potential increase;

And whereas the economic viability of the Township of South Stormont is based on the success of small businesses, the agricultural sector and the financial stability of residents.

Now therefore be it resolved that Council strongly encourages the OEB to seriously consider **not** approving the proposed 14% increase in payment amount due to the hardship that this additional cost will incur for small businesses, the agricultural industry and residents who simply cannot afford it,

And further, although Council can appreciate the expenditures associated with operating and maintaining generating stations, respectfully requests future consideration for implementing the promotion of incremental increases as opposed to large rate adjustments.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the OEB, OPG, Minister of Energy, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the local MPP and all municipalities in SD & G for their endorsement and support.

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Chairperson

RECORDED VOTE:

Councillor Brownlee -
Councillor Hart -
Councillor Woods -
Deputy Mayor Beauregard -
Mayor McGillis -