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ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Attention: Board Secretary

Dear Sirs:

Re: EB-2009-0096

Application by Hydro One Networks Inc. for Electricity Distribution Rate Change

This insanity of the Board continuously approving rate changes for Hydro One, just has to stop. We have a number of retired persons living in our area, and their current bills amount to almost one quarter of their pensions (CPP and OAS), and in some cases that's almost equivalent to what they pay in realty taxes. What are they expected to live on?

The reason why Ontario Hydro was created, was to keep hydro costs down for the residents of Ontario. For years mismanagement, and the break up of Ontario Hydro has led to fictitious costs being assessed and increased on us as part of electricity supply with no end in sight.

We have just received notice that because the Board increased the rates, we have a new rate as of May 1, 2009. Now there is an application to increase it yet again.

Surely the Board must look into the fiscal management of Hydro One to see where cuts may be made as we constantly hear of overpaid executives and uncalled for expenditures. There should be no increase until the Board fully investigates why Hydro One isn't being more economically managed.

Why are we charged a delivery charge? The transmission lines in our area are the same as they have been for the last 30 years. Why do we continue to be held liable for the negligence of Ontario Hydro's previous managers? Where is the accounting of the Debt Retirement Charge and where that money goes? What regulatory charges do we have to pay and why is it so high? We never get an accounting substantiating these amounts or where they stand or why we should be liable for them. This is a Board responsibility.

It seems anomalous that the provincial government and Hydro One continuously bombard us with the need to conserve electricity. Yet when we do, Hydro One asks for more money because its income isn't sufficient for its purposes (according to Hydro One). This is plain madness.

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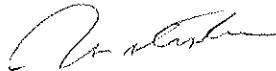
We recently got the "smart meters" and it seems odd that our electricity usage seems to have gone sky high since we got them. Are they accurate? Our neighbor who has not been here in a year, has been charged \$1800 for a vacant unit. Do you not think there is something drastically wrong here?

The provincial government now is backing the sale of hybrid cars which use hydro for some kilometers and gas for the excess. The cars are expected to be charged overnight at the same time we are encouraged to use our dishwashers, washing machines, dryers, stoves, etc. All of this means that the high usage during the day will now be late at night, which means Hydro One will seek an increase in the rates accordingly for the night period.

It's time the Board considered the ordinary consumer and the effect continuous rate increases are having on them rather than simply accepting what Hydro One has to say about its need for money in our dwindling economy. Enough is enough.

We should restore Ontario Hydro with proper management and get rid of Hydro One.

Yours very truly,



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