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Ms. Kirsten Walli
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Re: Letter of Comment on the Notice of Application and Hearing for an Electricity Distribution Rate Change by Hydro One Networks Inc.—File # EB-2009-0096

Dear Madam,

It was with much surprise that I read in the August 20, 2009 edition of *Le Droit* newspaper that Hydro One Networks is asking to increase the electricity distribution rate. The increase would amount to 9.5% in 2010 and 13.3% in 2011. I was flabbergasted to see this application since we just got an increase in May.

Jim McCaster wrote a report in 2005 in which he mentions a debt of \$127 million accumulated by this company's Board of Directors. He also mentions that unjustified excessive expenditures were uncovered and that Hydro employees received advances, all without any justification. Today, we the consumers are paying the price, by paying for higher electricity rates every year.

The recession is not affecting only companies such as Hydro One, but also low-income families and those who have lost their jobs and whose electricity bill is costing them a larger portion of their income. Hydro One seems to forget that it's putting people on the street by increasing its electricity rates every year.

Since 2005, we have had increases every year. This request to increase electricity rates is unacceptable. The Ontario Energy Board must also think of consumers who are also experiencing the recession.

Sincerely,

(signed)
Line Perras