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Attn: Board Secretary,

Re: Notice of Application + Hearing for Electricity Distribution Rate Change,
Hydro One Networks Inc. File # EB-2009-0096.

This proposed application for electricity distribution rate change is very ill timed occurring in the midst of a manufacturing recession, in my opinion. Surely, manufacturing requires broad assistance in resuming production at a competitive cost - not a raised cost.

Also I understand Ont. has a surplus capacity of electric power presently, which Hydro Board should be encouraging customers to consume at a more reasonable cost. Simply, increased costs will discourage usage surely.

Domestic customers, many of whom are unemployed or under-employed must be experiencing great difficulty paying for their necessary electricity needs currently. I note that Ont. Energy Board raised electricity prices May 1, 2009 and also reduced the threshold for lower priced electricity for residential + most farm customers from 1000 kWh per month to 600 kWh per month. Supposedly this raise was necessitated by generation costs.

Regardless whether raises caused by generation or distribution costs, it results in the customer paying more when many customers are in very tight economical situations.

I have reconsidered this proposed application for further raises + even consider reducing this past May 1/09 change in price + threshold.

Thank you for your attention
yours truly.

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