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**Re: Hydro One Networks Inc.**  
**File Number EB-2009-0096**  
**Application for Changes to Electricity Distribution Rates**

I am writing this in response to the Notice Published in the Northern Sun News dated 19/08/09 advising Hydro One Networks Inc. has filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board under section 78 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15 (Schedule B) seeking approval for changes to the rates that Hydro One Networks Inc. charges for electricity distribution effective January 1, 2010 and January 1, 2011, and which invites comments deciding the application.

I feel this application should be denied. Hydro one has increased the cost of Hydro to consumers several times in the past few years in one form or another. It is unending.

It is time the Energy Board recognizes enough is enough and realizes that the rate increases proposed for 2010 for both 1000 kWh and 2000kWh per month users are exorbitant and unaffordable for many lower and middle class earners. For example, Hydro One will literally be making these classes which include many seniors on fixed incomes choosing between paying hydro and groceries. These people do not have discretionary spending now. Hydro One truly should be ashamed at the sacrifices it is forcing these classes to make, to pay yet another high increase in hydro costs.

I think Hydro One needs to live within its means so to speak, and take some lessons from the citizens of Ontario who have to live within a wage and make it work. I certainly have not ever had a raise of this percentage they are asking. There is even a debt retirement charge which I don't expect to ever be repaid and certainly appears to me, an average citizen of this province, to be just another money grab. Perhaps wages, severance packages benefits and pensions don't have to be so lucrative. We citizens of this province are supporting life styles we can't afford for ourselves.

In closing I could provide anecdotal information about squandering of funds reported in past in the newspapers, by Hydro One, which I did not save them so realize they would probably be deemed irrelevant, however has left me with the understanding that they repeatedly cry they have to increase consumer costs instead of learning how to be accountable for their overspending, which in many cases can only be described as lavish. It's time to stop expecting the consumer to support these high prices.

I apologize but 30 days to respond did not give me time to gather stats on different power providers in this province, however I am sure the Board could order that.

Respectfully



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