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Ontario Energy Board,
Box 2319,
2300 Yonge St – 27th Floor
Toronto, ON. M4P 1E4

Re: Rate increase

As are most hydro users, we are getting pretty tired of paying debt retirement costs when you have money to give away. Put the excess towards the debt. This debt is not the consumer's problem. What other company can get their customers to pay for someone else's debt?

I am really disgusted in the enclosed article that appeared in the Thunder Bay Chronicle Journal . If the article is correct or even close to being correct in the salaries listed then there is a serious problem with having the audacity to ask for a rate increase.

Many people have lost jobs or have been forced to take reductions in pay because of the recession – they will have a hard time paying for the already high rates we pay in this province never mind an increase. Also, the seniors who are on a fixed income are having trouble making ends meet – they shouldn't have to turn their thermostats down even further.

Enough is enough!!!

M. Dowers

Hydro has enough

And struggling customers have just had it as rich utility seeks another rate increase

HYDRO ONE Networks took out a full page ad in this paper (Aug. 17), a Notice of Application and Hearing for an Electricity Distribution Rate Change.

They are asking, on average, for a 9.5 per cent increase in 2010 and a 13.3 per cent in 2011 on the delivery portion of your bill.

Does Hydro One not realize that the consumer has a hard time making ends meet now? What about our industries or what is left of them?

Why is it that they need more money when they have been handing it out to communities as grants so they can be awarded Canada's Top Corporate Citizen? Why do we have to pay debt retirement costs if they have money to give away? Put it towards the debt!

Since the reorganization of the old Ontario Hydro, Hydro One and Ontario Power Generation have made huge profits.

How about Ontario's \$100,000 club

for government employees that made over that figure? Ontario Power Generation CEO Jim Hankinson topped the 2008 list at \$2,485,000 in reported salary and benefits. However, a check of the company's filings with the Ontario Securities Commission shows the OPG boss earned a total of \$3,451,946 last year. Hankinson's compensation that wasn't accounted for on the Sunshine List includes a \$600,000 retention bonus, flexible benefits of \$50,100 and an executive allowance of \$24,000.

Other top earners in 2008 included OPG vice-president Pierre Charlebois at \$1.4 million and Hydro One CEO Laura Formosa at \$926,000. Two other executives at OPG also pulled in over \$1 million last year, while about a dozen others at the two utilities were paid between \$500,000 and \$900,000.

When is enough is enough?

You have the chance to voice your opinion. How?

Send a letter to the Ontario Energy Board.

You have 30 days from the 17th of August to voice your opinion. You can mail your letter to Ontario Energy Board, Box 2319, 2300 Yonge St., 27th Floor, Toronto Ont., M4P 1E4. You can also e-mail the board at Boardsec@oeb.gov.on.ca.

You can view the application at www.oeb.gov.on.ca. Make sure to mention file EB-2009-0096

Need to get fired up before writing your letter? Go to <http://www.fin.gov.on.ca/english/publications/salarydisclosure/2009/electric09.html>

I have seen first hand our seniors bundled up in blankets trying to keep warm because they can't afford their hydro bill. If these increases are allowed to continue, we will find them frozen to death!

Ray Gionet
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OUTRAGED US!