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Ontario Energy Board,

This letter is in response to the suggested rate increases for 2009 & 2010 for Hydro in Ontario.

A proposed rate increase of up to 40% in 2 years will have a detrimental effect for the general public, small business as well as on the tourism sector. This increased hardship will cause more businesses to close and more jobs and revenue will be lost in the whole Northwestern Ontario region.

NWOTA is not in support of an increase that will affect the economy; already the entire region is struggling with the decline in the forestry & tourism sectors.

Please reconsider increasing Hydro rates.

Sincerely,

Tom Pearson
President