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Attention: Board Secretary

Dear Sir/Madam:

This letter is in reference to the ad in the Thursday, November 26th, 2009 edition of The Leader/Niagara This Week newspaper regarding an application by Canadian Niagara Power to increase hydro rates.

As a senior citizen who lives in a community made up of mainly senior citizens on fixed incomes, I am definitely not happy with a proposed increase, of any amount, in my monthly bill for hydro. I do not see any pension increases in the near future to help off-set any increase in hydro rates or any other increased service rates.

I have lived in several different communities and find that Port Colborne's hydro rates are by far the highest I have ever paid. What I pay now – each month – I was paying every three months at my former residence and that amount included the water and sewer charges! Canadian Niagara Power's rates are far higher than those of Ontario Hydro.

I would request that my comments be submitted to the Board Panel who will be making the decision regarding the application for increased rates by Canadian Niagara Power and would urge them to deny the application.

Yours truly,



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