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Good afternoon,

I am writing to you today to pose my comments on OEB case number EB-2010-0295. I am a private citizen who saw the notice in my local paper (attached) and thought I would write in to you with my thoughts.

First let me say that I **openly and vigourously object** to even the possibility that energy retailers, such as my local hydro corporation, are considering "recovering from ratepayers the costs and damages" associated with a class action lawsuit related to 'late payment penalties' that should never have been applied in the first place.

Ontarians who have limited incomes and are just coming out of a recession, cannot afford any more hikes, charges, or miscellaneous fees and 'recoveries' on their hydro bills. The imposition of smart meters and time of use pricing combined with the fact that we are all still paying for the Hydro One debacle are making hydro more and more expensive to the average consumer. Combine that with the very limited (and yet very expensive) availability of renewable energy to power homes as well as the newly-introduced Harmonized Sales Tax on our hydro bills, our hydro bills are taking an increasing toll on household income.

It is expensive. To add to that some kind of recovery charge as a result of a lawsuit by/for hydro companies is an insult to the very consumers who are forced to pay already outrageously priced hydro.

While I have no solution to offer as I do not fully understand the complexities of the case at hand, I do hope the OEB and the companies involved in the lawsuit will do what is morally right for Ontarians and that is to NOT APPLY such charges.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my opinions on this matter.

Shawn Lowes