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From: Cathy Simon [REDACTED]
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Dear Sirs:

I am writing to inform you that I am against the intention of Horizon Utilities seeking an increase to the Smart Meter Funding Adder from \$1.56 per month to \$2.45 per month, applicable to all metered customers, to be effective December 1, 2010. As this rate increase is asking for coverage of smart meters which have already been installed, back dated to December 31, 2009, I feel that they should already have been paid for through Horizon Utilities previous budget for that year, and that smart meters yet to be installed through 2010 and beyond should have been budgeted for without having to go back to the Ontario Energy Board for excess funding.

Horizon Utilities and other Hydro-electric facilities throughout the province have been in the planning and delivery stages of this program for several years, and as such, would have and should have planned their budgets to accommodate these installations well in advance, without the need to ask for additional funding. In view of the fact that Horizon customers have already had to deal with changes in billing due to time of day usage, and then a change to that timing introduced by the Ontario government, as well as increased payments due to the Harmonized Goods and Sales Tax, and as well the debt retirement charge, many individuals who are served by Horizon Utilities would find it difficult to themselves budget with an increase in charges to their hydro bills, especially seniors and disabled persons living on fixed incomes.

I would therefore like to voice my appeal at this time that Horizon Utilities be denied this increase, and instead cover the increase out of their own budget for the coming year.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Catherine Simon,

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