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I was distraught to see yet another request for costs to be allocated against the tax payers of Ontario. Frankly, this has to stop. In the matter of electricity supply, all consumers are already forced to pay off the outstanding debt of the former Ontario Hydro. Why? We already pay LOTS of TAXES. Now, consideration is actually being given to supporting yet another additional cost of providing this essential service to consumers! Consumers have already been FORCED to accept 'smart meters' which have been proven to result in MORE MONEY BEING PAID OUT TO HYDRO PROVIDERS (and I can personally attest to this) - so, what are they doing with this ADDITIONAL income ??? This cash cow is now out of milk. The Ontario Liberals are already taxing us almost into obliteration. This aging population is now forced to pay HST - simply another farcical tax grab by the provincial Liberals. To now have another utility - and one that has already forced additional payments out of its consumers - request AN ADDITIONAL levy attached to supplying an essential service, is totally unacceptable. You need look no further than to our 'neighbours' to the south who pay CONSIDERABLY LESS for the hydro THAT WE SUPPLY TO THEM, to question the economics of it. The mere fact we can export 'surplus' energy south of the border, means that we do have SURPLUS energy to sell. Economically, this means that this utility SHOULD BE CHEAPER - NOT MORE EXPENSIVE TO THE CONSUMER. Therefore, how do you explain increasing costs, and the need to shift it onto consumers ???

I strongly suggest that the request of Norfolk Power is REJECTED outright. Ontarians are already contributing to the exorbitant salaries and bonuses of publicly funded services. To elicit savings NOT involving cost to the consumer, I strongly urge a cap on ALL CEO salaries of ALL publicly funded institutions, including health care - and even a claw back should be looked at. Also obliteration of all bonuses should be the norm - no-one is worth more than \$ 400 K pa, and no bonus - and no CONTRACT BUY-OUT either. Consumers are paying for this and shouldn't. AND IF PUBLICLY FUNDED SERVICES CAN AFFORD TO PAY OUT THOSE SALARIES, THEN CLEARLY THEY ARE MAKING TOO MUCH MONEY. Cost savings from the areas mentioned should be applied to: a) outstanding debt (IF there is one) in the area concerned; b) re-investment into the area the savings came from, or c) eliminating consultants, and employing those who can more economically plan the provision of services. In the specific case of Norfolk Power, they should be ordered to re-examine the way they do business. They need to find ways to apply the same cost-cutting measures to their operation that other individuals and companies have had to do themselves in order to make ends meet. The time for fellow Canadians to be gouged by fellow Canadians is over.

Lastly, I would like to know if energy sold to the US is subject to HST, hydro loses from seepage in the lines, and delivery charges, as well as the levy to pay down the previous Ontario Hydro debt. Ontarians can no longer afford the exorbitant costs they are subjected

to whenever they pay for virtually anything.

When consumers cannot make ends meet, they CANNOT SIMPLY APPLY TO THE GOVERNMENT OR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS, TO BAIL THEM OUT. Rather, individuals are forced to sell their homes, get into debt, or other situations that cannot be solved by hand-outs - even if there are any available. A solution other than taking more money out of the pockets of Ontarians NEEDS TO BE FOUND. Anything less is NOT CONDUCTIVE to strengthening the provincial economy.

Just look at the increasing costs in grocery stores. We are paying MORE money for LESS weight of the goods we buy (and of course they're all from Asia, but without the Asian price). Greed is apparently the norm for those either in government or business (and of course, government IS a business)

The contents of the public trough from which all others feed (governments, food stores, health, utilities, education, etc, etc), is getting critically low. Deal with issues IN-HOUSE. DO NOT INVOLVE ONTARIO CONSUMERS YET AGAIN.

Respectfully,

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