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Case EB - 2010 - 0105
Hearing for an Electricity Distribution Rate Change
Orangeville Hydro Limited.

Letter of Comment to the Board

From:

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Comments:

1. Request:

I request that the Board not approve the requested Electricity Distribution Rate Change by Orangeville Hydro, and, if within the power of the Board, that they require the applicant to decrease their Electricity Distribution Rate by the amount of electricity usage decrease per capita projected within their service area for the period of 1 May 2011 through 1 May 2011, and that this rate decrease be effective May 1, 2011.

2. Reasons for above request:

a) Energy Usage Reduction:

Orangeville residents have made exceptional progress in embracing energy reduction. Compact fluorescent lamps, programmable heating and cooling controls, reduction of set points, use of clothes lines, and many other energy saving initiatives and activities are now part of our lives. These demand side activities have not been accomplished without some pain. Change is always difficult, and the people of Orangeville should be recognized and commended for their efforts. Unfortunately, the rate change requested by Orangeville Hydro Limited mocks the efforts and hard work of the Orangeville Residents.

Is improvement in costs only the responsibility of the users of electricity?

In what way does this Rate Change reflect the responsibility, hard work, and change, in terms of efficiency improvement, that Orangeville Hydro Limited has done and should be expected to do?

Please do not allow Orangeville Hydro Limited to increase Electricity distribution rates. If in the power of the Board, please instruct them to demonstrate how they will effect the changes necessary to allow them to start, and then continue to lower their costs and increase their business process efficiency as well as Electricity distribution efficiency in a manner comparable to the efforts taken by their customers.

b) Current Cost demands on Orangeville Residents:

2010 has been an unprecedented year for Orangeville Residents. While Canada's CPI, over 2010, increased by roughly 2.4 %, HST, time of use power rates and other government controlled

costs increased dramatically. This has hit Orangeville residents hard. None of us will see the kind of wage increases we are being asked to fork out to our government agencies in rate and tax increases. There is a significant disconnect between what citizens can expect in wage increase and what Orangeville Hydro Limited is requesting.

Please do not allow Orangeville Hydro Limited to increase Electricity Distribution Rates by up to 4.7% when no one in the free world can expect this level of wage increase; when CPI is only up 2.44 % ; and, all of us have had to tighten our belts greatly over this past year due to enormous increases in all government controlled costs.

c) Reward, not punishment, for decreasing demand and usage through energy conservation:

The concept that Orangeville Hydro Limited should increase Electricity Delivery Rates to account for lost revenue due to the energy conservation efforts and hardships of thier customers is ridicules. What other industry can punish customers in this way?

The answer is clear. If energy usage has decreased by 2% over the past year, then require Orangeville Hydro Limited to reduce their costs, and hence, their Electricity Distribution Rates by an equivalent amount.

We, as a society, should never permit the economics of punishing customers for their efforts in conservation in the manner proposed by Orangeville Hydro Limited.

Please refuse the rate increase requested by Orangeville Hydro Limited, and instruct them to reduce their rate by an amount equivalent to the energy reduction accomplished by their customers.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

John Christie