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The Board:
Ontario Energy Board, 1/6/11
P.O. Box 2319, 27th Floor,
2300 Yonge Street,
Toronto, Ontario M4P 1E4

Attn: Board Secretary - Kirsten Walli

Re: Notice of Application & Hearing for Electricity Distribution Rate
Change - Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc., 7447 Pin Oak Drive, Box 120,
Niagara Falls, Ontario L2E 6S9 - EB-2010-0138

I desire to make comment on the recent notice in the local paper regarding the subject changes.

As a Senior, on half a pension & living alone, I am appalled at the percentage of rate increase of 28.99% on the distribution rate; as well as the yet another increase of 7.76%. Plus HST on top of the increases! I am struggling to keep up as it is, just with the extra HST and now this! I keep my house at 68 degrees f. and 65 at night. I am cold most of the time but I can not afford more use of fuel nor electricity. Yes, I am suburban, I have lived here over 43 years, can not afford to move and am battered with taxes hitting me at every turn. And, yes I believe this is just more taxes. Since being taken over by NPE, I feel we are paying for the Niagara Falls area as well, it has been going up non-stop! It was supposed to be better!

Enough is enough! Already I am paying more than 50 % on extra charges!!! i.e. My latest bill was \$50.45 for energy charges, including Tier losses. But, my cheque was for \$108.68 mailed Dec. 10/10! I heard that perhaps our Liberal Leader may take some charge off, which is only about \$5.00! That will not compensate for 36.65% increases + HST!

In short, this is far too great an increase for anyone to bear!



cc MPP
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