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I am writing to address the Notice of Application and Hearing regarding the potential increase in Haldimand County Hydro distribution (as seen in the October 22, 2011 Sachem & Gazett).

I strongly oppose the increase in delivery charges of hydro in Haldimand. Across Ontario we are seeing increases in hydro prices with the introduction of “smart” meters and, three tier prices. An impact we have yet to truly understand as they are going to be applied in the coming days.

Hydro customers can no longer afford increases – each time an application is put forward to adjust prices (upward) they downplay the effect it will have on residents in both locally and province wide.

I believe that Haldimand County Hydro Inc. should not add to skyrocketing prices. They have chosen an inappropriate time to put forward this application as customers are just about to experience a price hike.

I believe that this application should be at minimum, put on hold until the impact of changes (that are currently coming down the pipeline) can be measured. Ideally however – they should recognize the challenges we have in this county, and realize adding to the pile is not a solution – it will simply drive residents away from the area, further decreasing revenue.

No wonder people are joining the ‘occupy movement’ – we are constantly hearing “justifications” as to why prices are always rising. We the consumer cannot continue to absorb costs.

**Concerned** Haldimand County Resident, J.N.