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Attention: Board Secretary

Re: File No. EB-2012-0112

I am writing in response to the Notice of Application and Hearing for an Electricity Distribution Rate Change by Canadian Niagara Power Inc. as found in the Fort Erie Shopping News on Wednesday, June 13, 2012.

The notice stated that if the application is approved the Delivery Charge for a Residential Customer who consumes 800 KWH per month will increase by about \$ 7.40 in the Fort Erie service area and even more in the Gananoque and Port Colborne areas.

In checking my most recent bill, my delivery charge was \$ 34.54 and I have calculated the proposed increase to be approximately a 25% raise. We are hearing today in the news that the inflation rate is 1 %. The Company gave no reason for the need for this increase in the Notice of Application. I also own a cottage in the Haliburton/Bancroft area which is serviced by Hydro One. I checked the delivery charge to my residence which is much more isolated than my house in Ridgeway and it is \$ 23.63. I am really questioning why such a large increase is needed other than to increase profits for owners. These are difficult times for many in the areas serviced by Canadian Niagara Power and I think this should be taken into consideration when you are considering whether to grant them the increase that they have requested.

In the Making Connections bulletin enclosed with my most recent bill, they included a rate change notice which stated the as of May 1, 2012 Canadian Niagara Power Inc. and Eastern Ontario Power instituted new distribution rates which had been approved by the Ontario Energy Board. Now they are requesting a further increase in delivery charges. I ask when will it end? Please take my concerns into consideration when deciding whether to grant this rate increase.

Yours truly,

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Connie M. Scott