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I'm an ordinary rate payer and appreciate organizations assisting us in these matters. It's my understanding that the applicant wants to charge a fee for collecting data and wants to recover the fee by adding it to the energy bill of all rate payers.

PLEASE explain what \$0.806 per Residential and General Service < 50 kw customers per month would mean to the energy bill.

Is the proposal a straight fee or a fee per kw?

Is it my understanding that fees will be recovered from rate payers and Licensed electricity distributors?

So customers with distributors will be charged twice?
Once by Hydro and once by the distributor?

If you are with a distributor and do not use the smart meter then there is no data to collect, manage, store and retrieve. Therefore, no cost to the rate payer.

Why should the SME also seek approval of revenue adjustments to manage fluctuation in costs? Less customers equals Less data to analyze.

Do not increase fees if the cost is unestimated! It's the SME's responsibility to cover their own costs.

Please consider: no backdating charges to July 2012 &
not keeping the fee after December 2017.

Any extra charges will increase the HST tax!

The rate payer pays more fees than actual hydro usage.

Families already can't pay their Hydro bills. Adding more fees is definitely not the answer.

What about Customers who do not have a smart meter to date?

No cost to the customer, because there is no data to collect.

No one wanted these smart meters. If they are so smart, then they can collect, manage, store and retrieve their own data resulting in no extra charge to any ratepayer or distributor.

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The ratepayer should not be responsible for any changes regarding the smart meter. Anything associated with the smart meter is the applicants responsibility. Let them use their own resources. Maybe they can use a percentage of the delivery charges reserve as Hydro no longer needs employees to actually check meters anymore. The smart meter does everything now.

I'm sure some other way of raising funds for this unneeded smart meter feed back can be accomplished. (ie. Money aloted for employee perks can go to this wastefull data collection), (Give incentives to have ratepayers fill in any information required), How is this data going to benefit the rate payer? This is just another unnecessary charge to pay.

This is your data research. The smart meter doesn't benefit the customer. It's expensive and inconvenient.

When the customer does conserve ^{energy} - Hydro doesn't get enough money - so rates increase

Hydro won't Let it's Consumers conserve energy.

Other conservation programs have so much red tape that no one bothers. (energy sold back to hydro/windmill/solar panels). What is the province's conservation goals?

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Get rid of the smart meter monitoring system! Then no research is required.

Power is Power. The cost is the same regardless of the time of day. Hydro needs to find a way to store power. (ie create smaller Long Lasting batteries).

Hydro shouldn't have to pay another state or province to take our extra power. Charge these other states and provinces for the power. Then use this money for this unwanted research.

How do I appeal any unfavourable decision for the ratepayers?

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