



BLUEWATER DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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Dear Ms. Bassett,

Thank you for providing the summary for the proposed Hydro One rate harmonization. As your spreadsheet shows, the potential impact of this change is quite substantial for our board. We struggle to manage within the allocations provided by the Ministry and this creates one more challenge.

Bluewater District School Board faces declining enrolment for the foreseeable future. This also impacts our funding and our flexibility to meet the needs of our students. Our Board has been in a deficit since 2002/03 and has yet to be successful in reducing it.

According to the information provided, our Board would incur an increase of \$143,504 in the first year of the rate harmonization implementation, followed by an additional \$53,434 by the year 2012. The \$196,938 increase represents approximately a 6.8% increase in the current budget for electricity. The Ministry of Education has provided a 1% increase in their funding for school operations to address the increased cost of energy and utilities for the 2008/09 year.

The proposed increase would have a detrimental impact on our school operations budget. If the Ministry does not provide additional funding to cover these costs, plant operations will continue to operate over funding benchmarks, therefore creating additional pressures elsewhere within the school board. This, of course, will impact on our resources available for student achievement.

We fully support your efforts in lobbying the Ontario Energy Board to reduce these amounts.

Yours truly,

Brenda Booth CGA MBA
Superintendent of Business/Treasurer

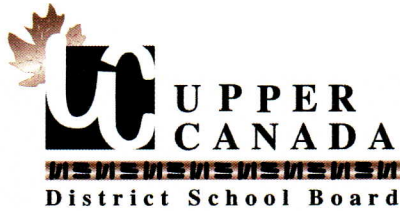
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April 27, 2008

Mr. Bob Williams
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Dear Mr. Williams:

Please submit this letter on Upper Canada District School Board's (UCDSB) behalf to the Ontario Energy Board.

The proposed harmonization rates will impact our already strained and extended Operational budget which maintains all schools.

As a declining enrollment Board with rural based schools we are faced with fewer students, however; we have to maintain all the buildings full or otherwise.

As our Board strives for student success and world class education further impacts on our budget will jeopardize the ability for UCDSB to provide a warm, safe, clean, and dry environment to learn.

The included spreadsheet indicates the impact of the proposed harmonization of legacy and acquired account rates by Hydro One. We would strongly urge the Ontario Energy Board to reject this application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Bosch'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning and a long, sweeping tail.

Peter Bosch
Upper Canada District School Board
Manager of Construction, Renewal & Capital Planning

IMPACT ON ONTARIO SCHOOL BOARDS FROM HYDRO ONE DISTRIBUTION RATE HARMONIZATION

	2008 Rates						Target Rates							
	Energy Billed		Demand Billed		Sub-Total		TOTAL	Energy Billed		Demand Billed		Sub-Total		TOTAL
BOARD	Legacy	Acquired	Legacy	Acquired	Legacy	Acquired		Legacy	Acquired	Legacy	Acquired	Legacy	Acquired	
Algoma		\$ 1,030			0	\$ 1,030	\$ 1,030		\$ 2,028			\$ -	\$ 2,028	\$ 2,028
Algonquin & Lksh C.	\$ (30)	\$ 4,204	\$ (3,074)	\$ 311	\$ (3,104)	\$ 4,516	\$ 1,411	\$ (137)	\$ 10,753	\$ (4,538)	\$ 547	\$ (4,675)	\$ 11,300	\$ 6,625
Avon Maitland	\$ 1,117	\$ 742	\$ (12,656)	\$ 52,443	\$ (11,539)	\$ 53,185	\$ 41,646	\$ (209)	\$ 1,688	\$ (18,590)	\$ 63,461	\$ (18,799)	\$ 65,149	\$ 46,351
Bluewater	\$ 459	\$ 13,512	\$ (6,670)	\$ 136,203	\$ (6,210)	\$ 149,715	\$ 143,504	\$ (71)	\$ 24,518	\$ (10,412)	\$ 182,904	\$ (10,483)	\$ 207,422	\$ 196,938
Bruce-Grey C		\$ 1,112			\$ -	\$ 1,112	\$ 1,112		\$ 2,200			\$ -	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,200
cdepd l'Est de l'Ontario				\$ 9,996	\$ -	\$ 9,996	\$ 9,996				\$ 13,782	\$ -	\$ 13,782	\$ 13,782
CDSB of Eastern Ontario	\$ (75)	\$ 3,516	\$ (5,109)	\$ 1,380	\$ (5,184)	\$ 4,895	\$ (288)	\$ (213)	\$ 10,052	\$ (7,658)	\$ 3,296	\$ (7,872)	\$ 13,348	\$ 5,477
csdC de l'Est Ontarien	\$ 53	\$ 792	\$ (6,627)	\$ 35,313	\$ (6,574)	\$ 36,105	\$ 29,531	\$ (283)	\$ 2,275	\$ (9,811)	\$ 47,510	\$ (10,094)	\$ 49,784	\$ 39,690
csdd des ecoles C du sud-ouest				\$ 2,939	\$ -	\$ 2,939	\$ 2,939				\$ 4,968	\$ -	\$ 4,968	\$ 4,968
csddC du Centre-Est de l'Ontario				\$ 3,748	\$ -	\$ 3,748	\$ 3,748				\$ 7,479	\$ -	\$ 7,479	\$ 7,479
DSB of Niagara		\$ 585			\$ -	\$ 585	\$ 585		\$ 3,806			\$ -	\$ 3,806	\$ 3,806
Dufferin-Peel C				\$ 28,737	\$ -	\$ 28,737	\$ 28,737				\$ 26,911	\$ -	\$ 26,911	\$ 26,911
Hastings & Prince Edward	\$ 1,073	\$ 14,541	\$ (548)	\$ 78,243	\$ 526	\$ 92,784	\$ 93,310	\$ (372)	\$ 38,973	\$ (6,781)	\$ 102,823	\$ (7,153)	\$ 141,796	\$ 134,644
Huron-Perth C				\$ 3,628	\$ -	\$ 3,628	\$ 3,628				\$ 4,027	\$ -	\$ 4,027	\$ 4,027
Kawartha Pine Ridge	\$ 168	\$ 2,879	\$ (272)	\$ 19,332	\$ (104)	\$ 22,211	\$ 22,107	\$ (61)	\$ 4,472	\$ (415)	\$ 18,825	\$ (476)	\$ 23,296	\$ 22,820
Keewatin-Patricia		\$ 2,578		\$ 27,851	\$ -	\$ 30,429	\$ 30,429		\$ 7,317		\$ 42,912	\$ -	\$ 50,229	\$ 50,229
Lambton-Kent	\$ 101	\$ 2,751	\$ (599)	\$ 21,186	\$ (498)	\$ 23,937	\$ 23,439	\$ (60)	\$ 5,983	\$ 372	\$ 24,173	\$ 312	\$ 30,156	\$ 30,469
Limestone	\$ 491			\$ 30,559	\$ 491	\$ 30,559	\$ 31,050	\$ (67)			\$ 31,800	\$ (67)	\$ 31,800	\$ 31,733
London DCSB	\$ 231			\$ 7,062	\$ 231	\$ 7,062	\$ 7,294	\$ (88)			\$ 8,991	\$ (88)	\$ 8,991	\$ 8,903
Near North	\$ (629)	\$ 1,347	\$ (2,682)		\$ (3,312)	\$ 1,347	\$ (1,964)	\$ 498	\$ 1,624	\$ (43)		\$ 456	\$ 1,624	\$ 2,079
Niagara				\$ 8,040	\$ -	\$ 8,040	\$ 8,040				\$ 15,991	\$ -	\$ 15,991	\$ 15,991
Ontario North East		\$ 1,033			0	\$ 1,033	\$ 1,033		\$ 1,106			\$ -	\$ 1,106	\$ 1,106
Peel		\$ 5,338		\$ 91,476	\$ -	\$ 96,814	\$ 96,814		\$ 8,218		\$ 86,320	\$ -	\$ 94,538	\$ 94,538
Ptbr Vic NhumClar C	\$ 95	\$ 1,436	\$ 3,091	\$ 5,318	\$ 3,186	\$ 6,753	\$ 9,939	\$ (39)	\$ 6,090	\$ 5,602	\$ 9,831	\$ 5,563	\$ 15,921	\$ 21,485
Rainy River		\$ 955		\$ 1,720	0	\$ 2,675	\$ 2,675		\$ 909		\$ 1,021	\$ -	\$ 1,929	\$ 1,929
Renfrew County				\$ 27,307	\$ -	\$ 27,307	\$ 27,307				\$ 37,217	\$ -	\$ 37,217	\$ 37,217
Renfrew County C.		\$ 819		\$ 6,400	\$ -	\$ 7,219	\$ 7,219		\$ 2,787		\$ 7,701	\$ -	\$ 10,488	\$ 10,488
Simcoe County	\$ (23)		\$ (4,782)	\$ 14,881	\$ (4,805)	\$ 14,881	\$ 10,076	\$ (71)		\$ (7,019)	\$ 15,542	\$ (7,090)	\$ 15,542	\$ 8,452
SimcoeMuskoka C	\$ 75	\$ 1,071		\$ 1,071	\$ 75	\$ 1,071	\$ 1,146	\$ (81)	\$ 1,791			\$ (81)	\$ 1,791	\$ 1,710
StClair C				\$ 3,805	\$ -	\$ 3,805	\$ 3,805				\$ 4,494	\$ -	\$ 4,494	\$ 4,494
Superior North C		\$ 1,192			\$ -	\$ 1,192	\$ 1,192		\$ 1,205			\$ -	\$ 1,205	\$ 1,205
Superior-Greenstone				\$ 8,387	0	\$ 8,387	\$ 8,387				\$ 5,845	\$ -	\$ 5,845	\$ 5,845
Thames Valley	\$ 692	\$ 682	\$ (3,150)	\$ 28,726	\$ (2,458)	\$ 29,407	\$ 26,950	\$ (91)	\$ 684	\$ (4,609)	\$ 39,819	\$ (4,701)	\$ 40,502	\$ 35,801
Trillium Lakelands	\$ 115	\$ 1,812	\$ 4,994	\$ 58,534	\$ 5,109	\$ 60,346	\$ 65,455	\$ (162)	\$ 8,907	\$ (2,086)	\$ 77,650	\$ (2,248)	\$ 86,556	\$ 84,308
Upper Canada	\$ 672	\$ 5,166	\$ (11,463)	\$ 202,984	\$ (10,791)	\$ 208,150	\$ 197,359	\$ (1,071)	\$ 14,172	\$ (25,650)	\$ 311,807	\$ (26,721)	\$ 325,979	\$ 299,258
Upper Grand	\$ 760	\$ 2,838	\$ (1,829)	\$ 41,348	\$ (1,068)	\$ 44,185	\$ 43,117	\$ 51	\$ 5,768	\$ (2,788)	\$ 58,433	\$ (2,737)	\$ 64,201	\$ 61,464
Wellington C				\$ 3,899	\$ -	\$ 3,899	\$ 3,899				\$ 5,665	\$ -	\$ 5,665	\$ 5,665
York Region	\$ (78)	\$ 1,378	\$ (4,941)	\$ 37,038	\$ (5,019)	\$ 38,417	\$ 33,398	\$ (453)	\$ 3,616	\$ (7,296)	\$ 46,861	\$ (7,749)	\$ 50,476	\$ 42,728
TOTAL	\$5,269	\$73,310	-\$56,317	\$998,792	-\$51,049	\$1,072,103	\$1,021,054	-\$2,981	\$170,940	-\$101,721	\$1,308,603	-\$104,702	\$1,479,543	\$1,374,841