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ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

The file number in this case is EB-2013-0149 .

Re: Ontario Energy Board Notice to customers of Lakeland Power Distribution LTD. Lakeland Power Distribution LTD. Has applied to raise its electricity distribution rates . The requested rate increase is tied to inflation (and other factors intended to promote efficiency ) .

While I am not a customer of Lakeland Power Distribution , but my municipality is one of the member of this power authority and is only one of the member of this Power Distribution organization .

The issue is that I have not read or heard that they had received any funds or equities from of this Power organization .

The only item I have read is that they had invested in the Bancroft power unit , reason that they where not operating properly and were in need of help !

While I have not contacted their office concerning this issue , I have noticed that the equipment being used is very modern in comparison to the equipment that Hydro -One has around my area that I see many of there vehicles and other machinery in use , are not this recent as Lakeland . ,

I am wondering why they should have a raise on account of inflation (and other factors intended to promote efficiency .

I have seen the replacement of the generator and rebuilding of the plant in Bracebridge also the work they done at two other locations . There is other projects that they are to improve , but I have not located the information that was previously had been the our local newspapers. now lost !

I am not in favour of any raises to electricity rates any where in Ontario , since prices are going up on many articles , specially in this area of Muskoka , The lower income persons I have encountered all said their incomes are not increasing to match these privilege persons in governments . Our Huntsville Councilors are presently discussing the increase being asked for , now they are having a group of persons that are to monitor their increase . The Mayor of Huntsville is to review the income of the employees , that is the salary , wages and benefits . The OEB must be aware of the Senate expenses issue now going on at the Ottawa government offices ! This should give you incentives to review the finances being asked and discussed by any organization that are in position to request increases from the OEB from now on !

I am not against and industry making a profit , they only need enough to pay expenses and little over for emergencies ! They should do as other businesses do , sell all of the excessive production of energy to increase their income !

Thank you,

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