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**To:** BoardSec  
**Subject:** RE: Hydro rate increase application

To Whom it may Concern,

I am writing in regards to the proposed rate increase applied for by OPG.

Average working Ontarians are *already* struggling under the burden of Hydro's crushing rates, fees and delivery charges. Working folk are having to choose between food for the table or keeping the lights on. Truly.

We do everything we can, from replacing outdated wasteful appliances to doing laundry at midnight. In my family we have cut our heat down to using only the woodstove, doing everything we can during off-peak hours, hanging clothes to dry no matter how cold it is outside, and chasing the kids around turning off lights, as we yell at them that "HYDRO IS EXPENSIVE!".

There is nothing more to do. We are stretched to the breaking point. You must be aware that many people are not getting raises, many jobs are not providing benefits, and a lot of Ontarians are down to part time or contract positions. Yet the cost of living continues to increase mercilessly. Hydro is out of control and I would humbly ask you to deny them this increase. Working class people in Ontario need a break, not another insane increase to push them past the brink of survival. We have already cut out extras...a long time ago. There are no trips to Wonderland for the kids, there are no "date nights" for my spouse and I. We do not go out to eat, and we drive old beat up vehicles. In fact I cannot remember the last time I bought **anything** that was not a necessity for the household.

Simply put, there are no more corners to cut. Perhaps Hydro should rethink giving million dollar settlements to their CEOs who leave on questionable terms, if they find themselves short of money?

PLEASE think of us average people here!

Regards, and thank you for your time,

T. Crow