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To Whom it May Concern at the Ontario Energy board

I am writing to you regarding the ever increasing hydro prices. I am very concerned with the increase to both off-peak hours and on-peak hours, as well as the delivery charges. I am also curious about the former Ontario hydro debt, and would like to know a date as to when that will be paid off. As far as I am concerned, hydro is not a luxury it is a necessity which we all need to survive. It is not just for the rich!!!! It is NOT a privilege to be able to heat my house or cook my food!!

When Time Of Use was implemented, many of us switched our hours, despite the inconvenience of having to do laundry at 11 pm at night, or do dishes..just to name a few examples. Now we are being told that the rates are increasing yet again, and the biggest increase is to the off peak rate, thus making it almost the same as the on peak. What was the point of making Time of Use rates, encouraging us to "conserve" when the Government just turns around and slaps us for conserving, by increasing the Off Peak??

With all the constant increases, the price is out of control and in many cases unaffordable. Then you factor in the ever increasing delivery costs, debt retirement, etc. and those charges alone are 2/3 of my hydro bill.

I have been living in Ontario for 58 years, and have been paying the former Ontario Hydro debt. I paid much to much over the years for the debt charge and figure with every house paying this fee on their bill, that should have been paid off already. I have a right to know when this will be paid off, and if it is, which I believe it has been, I would like to know what I am paying for.

On my bill I pay separately for delivery charge. Please explain to me why my delivery fees are more than my actual hydro used...sometime double or triple!! Not once have I ever seen a truck deliver hydro to my house. Please explain to me, how it is feasible to charge such an outrageous amount to send hydro over a power line??? No matter how much I try to conserve energy it only represents 30% of my hydro bill, the other 70% is controlled by Ontario Hydro. I would think it wise to work on conserving on the 70% part of the Hydro bill.

Hydro is NOT a luxury, Hydro is a necessity for everyday life. Please look inward to become more efficient and responsible.

Sincerely

Marc Parri