

FW: EB-2015-0004 Public comment re: Ottawa Hydro rate application

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I write to signal my disagreement and extreme concern with Ottawa Hydro's rate application.

If this massive rate hike is allowed to go ahead the consequences will be devastating for the Ottawa economy. Small and medium businesses will close down or migrate to less expensive jurisdictions. Jobs will be lost. It will impose even more financial hardship for marginal communities such as seniors, the working poor and others who are having a difficult time as it is.

Instead of submitting applications for huge rate hikes, Ottawa Hydro should be using it high-priced expertise to figure out how to keep the power running at a cost to consumers that is reasonable and sustainable over the long term. The OEB should demand a 30-year plan for repair/improvement of the electricity infrastructure. We condo-dwellers are required by law to prepare 30-year plans in our condo. Where is the law that requires utilities to prepare 30-year plans for their infrastructures?

This rate hike should not be allowed to go ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

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