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## LETTER OF COMMENT

### Comments:

Hydro One Networks Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board to increase the cost of using its transmission system. If its application is approved, Hydro One has calculated that this will increase a typical residential customer's monthly bill by \$0.41 in 2017 and \$0.48 in 2018.

APPLICATION FILE NUMBER: EB-2016-0160

I, Ron Lehman am against the proposed rate increase related to this file.

My reasons are manifold but mainly because of poor management, the splitting up of Ontario Hydro by the Harris Government which has led to high salaried executives and three entities that were doing a good job before Mr. Harris stepped in. He ruined a well structured company.

The now belated debt retirement charges on our hydro bills came about because of poor management.

Ontario Hydro has stumbled from boondoggle to boondoggle over many years and it is time for them to become more austere and learn that raising rates is not the answer to the problem.

The executives must realize that the problem truly lies with how the over-paid managers are rinning the show.

As a former worker at many hydro facilities in Ontario, Manitoba, Michigan and the NWT over the past fifty years, I have a very clear picture of the waste that happens and it happens because of poor management. I fully understand that hydro paraphenalia must be highly maintained but that is no excuse for downloading of ghost costs to the consumer with supporting high bills.

The causes of this constant rate rise must be dealt with where it lies, and it is not the consumer that is causing it. We only use the power, and the cost must come down, especially for those who have limited incomes.

Adam Beck (Sir) had the correct idea over 100 years ago. He probably would turn over in his grave if he knew what consumers are paying for their K-Watts today.

Another reason is the ambiguity of the statement made about this increase. There is not enough information for the average consumer to understand if the proposed increase is per KW on usage or just the .41cents per month for the first year. Why have they not shown us how much this increase will bring into the hydro treasury each year. What's the big secret?

Truthfully I don't trust them, because of the past performance of management of hydro. Their track record rates a -F for performance and it is high time they began running our system responsibly and a good start would be to lower their salaries and give the consumer a break.

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