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LETTER OF COMMENT

Comments:

Hello,

I write to comment on the continued request from power generators to increase the rates which the consumers are charged for energy. We are in an energy surplus situation and yet energy costs continue to climb. Standard business logic would indicate the opposite; when there is a surplus of a commodity the value decreases, not increases. The Ontario Energy Board needs to apply pressure to energy generators. I see no reason to allow increases in energy prices, especially granting the increases to the year 2021. I think strong consideration should be given to this request and that it should be denied in an effort to force the energy generators to become more resourceful and entrepreneurial in their efforts to offset cost increases. Energy rates, as The Board is well aware, have experience the greatest gains over the last 5 years in the province, when businesses and the population struggle to offset these increasing costs in order to either stay competitive or stay under their family's budget.

There needs to be a united front. Anyone can manipulate numbers to show that they are not profitable. It's very easy for a business to show a loss or a need. It is an innovative management that can take an unprofitable outlook and turn it profitable. Until rate increases are denied, there is no need for businesses to make adjustments.

Allowing these rate increases to pass is irresponsible of the governing body in charge of sustaining a provincial economy; now so greatly controlled by energy costs which appear to be out of control. No other business in Ontario (or Canada for that matter) has seen prices for their commodity/goods double in the economic downturn and they have sustained their business by adjusting to market demand; why should the OPG continue receive special treatment?

I urge The Board to consider the provincial stability and reject the OPG's request.

Thank you.

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