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LETTER OF COMMENT

Comments:

Dear Sirs:

I just moved to Fort Erie from Bowmanville August 25th. I thought I did my homework and due diligence when I moved here and find out that my taxes are [REDACTED] more per year even though houses are much cheaper than Toronto and the Durham Region. In talking to the Town about my taxes I also found that they bill for water and charge everyone about \$65.50/month before water and sewer usage, so that she said my monthly water would be [REDACTED] if I was lucky (having only one person using it). In Durham Region my water was [REDACTED] and I complained because we get billed every 3 months and it started out as about [REDACTED] for 3 months and went up [REDACTED] for 3 months. Then I asked about hydro rates and emailed the Hydro Ombudsman and he sent me a bill calculator which revealed that CNP's distribution rates were the most expensive compared to Hydro One, Whitby Hydro and Veridian which I had used in Whitby, Courtice and Bowmanville. CNP already charge between \$12 and \$15 more per month for their distribution rates than what I've been paying in Durham Region.

[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] With Lake Ontario and Lake Erie and Niagara Falls next to us here in Fort Erie for water and power I don't understand why utilities are so much more expensive? My mother in St. Catharines would say she bought a turkey for Christmas for .99 cents/lb. while I paid \$2 or more/lb. in Durham and Toronto.

I [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] shopped around for a place where the homes would be cheaper and I'd have more property [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Aside from the higher utility and tax prices here it's a beautiful place to live! With the U.S. border right here and the Americans having cheaper prices and cost of living you would think they would try to lower their rates to be more competitive so they don't drive Canadians to move to the U.S.

Please tell me that CNP will reconsider it's request to apply for about a \$4.56/month increase as I can't understand their need, especially since they already charge \$12 to \$15 more per month. With Niagara Falls here for power and us not living in a rural area with a mile between each house it seems like unnecessary corporate greed. The gas stations may be cheaper but that seems to be it. The economy here is not booming. There are not many good jobs. People must be

suffering. [REDACTED]

Please tell me I did not make a mistake about moving to Fort Erie. I can't be the only one who finds the request for a higher distribution rate unreasonable. In reading blogs from residents we pay more for water and hydro than even Niagara Falls which is on a different hydro provider and this really seems to irk the residents of Fort Erie. I may come to the presentation Sept. 13, but if I miss it, please do submit my concerns [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

Dawn Chaffe

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