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ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

To Whom It May Concern

Re: Case No. EB-2017-0049

I am writing this letter in response to your recent full page newspaper ad. Actually quite surprised to see the Board asking for public input after past "robust" reactions to Hydro One demands for rate increases of any kind.

The spate of power outages in our immediate area, approaching twelve since last fall, with some lasting nearly 24 hours; plus obvious lack of right of way tree clearing and money and effort invested on multiple failed smart meters convinces me that a distribution rate increase is not justified!

My family has had to make some hard choices in order to lower our bills. We have, in fact, cut daily usage in half and we don't want our hard won gains to be negated by any more price increases period!! I have approached the council of our largely rural municipality asking for their support regarding this matter, as well as local print media.

Yours

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