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To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Proposed Increase to Electricity Distribution Rates

I am writing this letter regarding to the increases the OEB is applying for to again put our bills even higher over the next 5 years. The delivery charges on our bills are on average 55% or higher based on the actual hydro usage. Its not the cost of hydro usage itself that is unmanageable but the delivery charges that make the bill way too high. Regardless of conserving hydro (which the government wants us to do) you still charge a minimum fixed amount for delivery. Does that make sense to conserve? For instance:

Acct: #200203641868 Hydro One Bill

1 Bill (3 month period Dec. 17/16 – Mar. 24/17) 301kWh	Total Bill	\$183.29
Delivery Charges on this Bill		\$138.42
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Hydro Usage		\$ 44.72

That is a **whopping 75.5%** delivery charges of the total hydro bill. THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE!!!!

Acct: #200075657745

1 Bill (30 days – Apr 6/17- May 6/17) 218.8kWh	Total Bill	\$ 73.66
Delivery Charges on this bill		\$ 44.78
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Hydro Usage		\$ 28.88

That is an **unacceptable 60.5%** delivery charge.

The delivery charges, not the hydro cost itself, are making it impossible for a lot of people unable to afford their hydro bills. And you want to increase this again over the next 5 years!!!!!!

As far as getting a further discount on usage of over 750 kWh per month, we do not even have any hope of that. Even though we are very conscious of hydro usage, by adhering to off peak rates and having installed all new energy efficient appliances and lighting fixtures, you still want to stick us with additional delivery charges. Reducing our hydro usage does not reduce the fixed minimum delivery charge. Where is the incentive to save? You can certainly drop the fixed minimum rate, not raise it!!

We are retired and on a fixed income and cannot afford constant increases, not just your irrationally high delivery rates but all other increases that keep coming our way on a yearly basis. Our pensions do not increase to keep up with the pace of inflation and constant increases.

Be the first to show that you care about the Ontario homeowners and pensioners by reducing the cost of delivery charges on our hydro bills. Other provinces charge a lot less for their hydro and I'm sure that Ontario can do the same by just studying how they manage to keep their costs down. Make this country of Canada a fair country to pay the same average for hydro rates for all the provinces including Ontario. We need to keep businesses and industry in this province to remain competitive and healthy. It can be done and YOU can be the first to lead the way by reducing the cost of hydro NOT looking for increases that are WAY TOO HIGH NOW!!!



Concerned Citizens,

Wayne Jarmuth and Grace Brown



Cc: Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario