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Original Message-----

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The Ontario Energy Board

-- Comment date --  
2017-06-08

-- Case Number --  
EB-2017-0049

-- Name --  
Gerry St. Denis

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-- Comments --  
Revision 1 (please remove my previous submission and replace with the attached).

To: the Ontario Energy Board  
Re: File Number EB-2017-0049

Please deny this application, for increases in:

- Hydro distribution rates
- Service charges for disconnect/reconnect.

I am not protesting the cost of electricity. I believe in "user pay" philosophy. Hydro One needs to recover the cost to deliver electricity to the users.

What I am protesting is my right/ability to control my cost. Taken to an extreme, if I challenge the cost of electricity, I should be able to shut off my power and incur no cost. As it is, I am being charged in the order of \$100/month for distribution of electricity with little correlation to my usage. This is wrong!

Energy exists and is free for the taking. Collecting energy from any source (fossil, hydro, sun) and getting it to me, is 100% distribution. To break down my hydro bill into "energy" and "distribution" components, is deceitful and wrong.

THE PRICING OF ELECTRICITY NEEDS TO BE 100% DISTRIBUTION AND THAT DISTRIBUTION CHARGE, NEEDS TO BE, 100% METER RATE AND 100% "TIME OF USE" APPLICABLE.

The analogy I present is gasoline. I pay, at the pump, for the distribution (i.e. collection, refining, taxes and delivery) of the fuel to the gas pump.  
I can protest gasoline prices by not purchasing the fuel. I do not pay a distribution cost for gasoline that

I don't purchase. That would be immoral. This is how I view the current, fixed distribution charge for electricity... immoral.

On the added application to increase disconnect and reconnect charges, Hydro One Networks is decreasing my ability to protest and is penalizing customers for trying to control their costs.

-- Attachment --