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Dear Registrar,

Having recently attended the OEB hearing, held in Leamington, regarding Hydro's request for an increase in delivery fees I am even more opposed to this request. I know from my own experience that the prices for Hydro have risen dramatically in the last few years making it difficult to keep costs down. We have made every effort to keep our hydro usage down with insulation, temperature regulation, decreased use of lights and being mindful of time of usage. But in spite of our efforts costs have risen dramatically. In this past few months alone we have been faced with increased property taxes, increased gasoline prices due to cap and trade, increased natural gas prices-also due to cap and trade, and increased prices in the market place as business struggles to make ends meet. Now the government is also proposing increased minimum wage which will undoubtedly increase all prices.

Hydro, by its' own admission knows prices have gotten out of hand and during their submission admitted this and said they worked with the government to lower prices-delaying the inevitable-but then out of the other side of their mouth said they need to increase delivery fees due to aging infrastructure! Infrastructure is always aging and should be a part of any businesses budget to include replacement costs. Perhaps they need to do what we have all done-relook at how they are budgeting their monies and adjust accordingly. I was appalled at the monies being received by management-and in my mind they have done a poor job of managing the business. Wages should be cut and no bonus dollars given. They keep firing top managers and then are required to pay out huge amounts of money to these ex employees.

I saw and am seeing every day the fallout from these high costs in our province. Many businesses are failing and many are moving out of this expensive province-something must be done to stop this hemorrhaging. This is one place that you have the opportunity to make a first step in saying-NO. I am hoping this is not falling on deaf ears but feel I must do my part by sending this message.

Margaret Pare