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I am upset with this next round of increases to my Hydro Bill. I thought rates were going down, instead they go up, even with a decrease. I am on a fixed income and my income does not go up by the amounts my Hydro Bill is climbing each year. Can the Government give us, on fixed income, a cost of Hydro increase to our pensions?? Now we have the highest energy rates in all of Canada and that is nothing to be proud of. So are we looking to go even higher? For what?

Instead of raising rates why doesn't the Hydro look at the way they do their work? This could make up a lot of difference and we may even be able to reduce the rates. I have seen, on many occasions, way too many people on their work projects. I was working in the private sector and if we did work the way the Hydro does work we would not be in business very long. There seems to be a "White Hat" for every 2 workers on some jobs and a vehicle for each worker. Workers also take lunch or coffee breaks away from the job site, in Hydro vehicles. I use to pack a lunch and have it on site and it would be the half hour and I would be back to work. I have seen Hydro workers leave at noon and be back an hour and a half later. I have seen small jobs, like line clearing and brushing take forever. If this work was contracted out the job would be done in at least half the time and be done, not partially done then the crew moves onto another job, possibly another workers access to his/her cottage. This is happening!! We would know the price because it would be a negotiated price for the work not a per hour rate with Hydro equipment and workers, which are the highest in the business I think.

I am not in favor of a rate increase at this time until the Hydro can prove they are an efficient organization with a workforce that is not so top heavy.  
I can not imagine any one worth the millions of dollars some of the upper management are receiving and their bonuses on top of that.

I hope this can open some eyes at least so the Hydro management will start to scrutinize the work they are sending people out to do. I feel that the Hydro is out there to see just how much of our money they

can blow away.

Richard White

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