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The Ontario Energy Board

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I am objecting to the rate increase application by Hydro One.

The public has been burdened with the rates associated with the Green Energy Act at above market prices. According to the 2011 Auditor General report, the government failed to do a cost-benefit analysis before embarking on the renewable energy enterprise

(http://www.auditor.on.ca/en/content/annualreports/arreports/en11/2011ar_en.pdf p. 97).

Now, in response to the plainly anticipated escalation in energy costs for homes and business, the Wynne government has enacted the Fair Hydro Act, 2017. This legislation fails to address the root cause of the problem which are the energy contracts, and further burdens the public to pay out millions of dollars of interest to refinance this re-mortgaging plan even beyond the expected lifetime of the infrastructure (see <http://www.fao-on.org/web/default/files/publications/Fair%20Hydro/Fair%20Hydro%20Plan.pdf>

in which the FAO cites a cost of between \$45 to \$93 Billion to defer \$24B in rate relief). This 'reduction' amounts to short term gain for long term pain.

Further adding to the public grief over the elevated energy rates is yet another proposed hike – this time by Hydro One to increase the distribution charges (and other service-related fees). This unfairly targets rural residents and businesses yet again who form their customer base and already pay higher distribution rates than their urban counterparts.

I am urging the Energy Review Board to deny this application by Hydro One.

The public has had enough of soaring energy bills. For the government to promote their Fair Energy Plan as a rate relief while allowing Hydro One to offset this perceived reduction with an increase is grievously unwarranted and unfair.

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