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The Ontario Energy Board

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Another increase...are you freaking kidding me? I'm on provincial disability (because of a work accident), which only increases benefits at a rate of about 1% a year. I've seen Hydro rates grow from the average \$70 per month I was paying when I got my home in 2002....to \$300 per month I'm currently paying. What this means to my family: there is barely enough \$ left over to feed ourselves...we have \$0 for emergencies, \$0 for the special medical-related diets both my wife & I need, \$0 for entertainment of any kind, \$0 for auto upkeep & repairs, are you getting the picture? This province already has the highest rates in the country...yet you're raising them again?!!!

All this is doing is driving up the crime rates as people are driven to desperation. It is beyond ridiculous! There has to be a point where enough is enough. We are already being punished for following hydro one's advice to follow 'time of use' policies, when you raised the rates because "people weren't using enough electricity"...which was the whole idea! Wasn't it?

I am fed up with losing more and more of what little benefits I am supposed to survive on, because even when trying to be concerned for the environment by using led bulbs etc...the less I use...the more the price goes up. I think it's

outrageous that high-level members of Hydro one are making more money than the highest office of government each year, but are gouging the public once again for even more money. They should be seen for the criminals they are.! My name is Steve Bishop, and I think this application should be thrown out! I also believe there should be measures in place (and I don't mean giving a 25% rebate to people whose bills have increased 700%) for the disabled, the elderly on fixed incomes, and those who make less than \$25000.00 per year (such as myself) ...it's criminal in every sense of the word. If anything, Hydro one should be giving everyone in the province a 2 or 3 thousand dollar rebate, and begging the people's forgiveness for giving it to them up the backside for so many years!

I have lived in many provinces in my lifetime, and I'm becoming ashamed to say "I'm from Ontario...home of the highest Hydro rates in the country" maybe we should all move to the arctic where electricity is cheaper. This proposal to jack up rates again is an outrage to all Ontarians (unless you work for Hydro one...(in that case you'll probably be getting a new Porsch for a Xmas

bonus)

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