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## To Whom It May Concern:

I have recently heard that Hydro One has requested a rate increase. Surprise, surprise! Has the ink dried on their share purchase agreement yet? Just a comment – I believe that utilities, such as electricity, belong to the people and should <u>only</u> be owned by the government. Selling shares in any utility to the public is a huge mistake and we will continue to witness just how poor a decision that was.

Having said that, why is a rate increase even being entertained when our government is giving electricity away? Hydro rates are ridiculously high in the first place. Why doesn't our government "give" electricity to Hydro 1 to satisfy their corporate greed? If Hydro One can't make a go of it at current rates, maybe they shouldn't have acquired a stake in this utility. Unless, of course, they were anticipating ongoing rate increases.

The cost of electricity in this province is already a significant burden to all residents, including businesses. Should we continue to drive out businesses (and jobs)? I live in greenhouse country and greenhouses, for one, are hurting at current rates. Increasing that burden will negatively impact everyone's standard of living. Even with current government programs, as a retiree, I can attest to that.

It's time that residents are protected from these vultures. I would hope that you would deny Hydro One's request.

Sincerely,

**Bob Martin**