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LETTER OF COMMENT FOR RATE APPLICATION

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* Case Number: EB-2018-0028

Utility Name: ENERGY+ INC.

Circle one: Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss Dr.

* First Name Mr. Michael

* Last Name Stebbing

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* Email address

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Comments: Please continue on the back of the form if necessary. In making your comment, please consider telling us what you like and do not like about the application, what you think could be improved or what you think is missing. Please tell us how you are impacted by the requested changes.

Rate Increase:

~~I believe that from time to time Hydro Rates increases, or components thereof, are necessary to balance revenue and costs, plus a small profit, that should be returned to customers of this publicly owned utility company (Energy Plus). Any surplus (profit) should be used to maintain the system and not be handed over to the City of Cambridge because in doing so they are creating a hidden tax. A senior member of the management informed me, pridefully, at the hearing, that they turned over more profits to the City of Cambridge than had done in the past. I found interesting in that the upper level of government, announced with great relish, that they had reduced the cost of Hydro by removing a tax. Cities should not be allowed to use the local hydro service provider as a piggy bank.~~
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Signature

22 September, 2018

Date

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Harmonization of Rates:

~~The use of the word "harmonization" to describe the proposed process is an abuse of this word. In this case what is being proposed is equalization, which is basically inflicting monetary pain on one group customers to the benefit of another group of customers. What we have here is management trying to cover up an expensive error of purchasing Brant County Hydro (whatever the original name was). To be fair to all customers and to promote harmony I feel that there should be several rates for the City of Cambridge and County of Brant parts of the system that reflect the actual costs of provide service. For example: Rate "A" for residential Customers who enjoy the befit of underground hydro supply along with ensuing extra maintenance and operating costs. Rate "B" for residential Customers who enjoy the befit of above ground hydro supply along with the required visual pollution and loss of power during ice storms. Rate "C" for residential Customers who enjoy the befit of above ground hydro supply in rural areas along with the benefits of county side living. I've been advised that supplying hydro to rural properties is the most expensive. Rate "D" and so on would be for Commercial and industrial properties and these rates should be based on the costs to supply service.~~

~~Purchase of new office space in the Galt section of Cambridge.~~

~~The reason presented for the need for additional office space, at a estimated cost of over a million dollars, is the growth in service area, due to the purchase of Brant County Hydro. This was supposed to provide cost saving due to economies of scale. Based on the numbers provided the supposed economies of scale have not occurred and are unlikely to ever occur. Therefore, the solution, I would suggest, is to sell Brant Hydro. It is physically disconnected from the Cambridge service area by a whole township This will relieve the Cambridge Hydro customers of the burden of a harmonizing (equalization) rate increase and the high cost of a new office building.~~

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