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The Ontario Energy Board

-- Comment date --2019-01-25

-- Case Number --EB-2018-0305

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I am opposed to the proposed gas increase. The seniors of this province are struggling as it is to pay their utilities. Many have to do without food and essential medications outside of what the government will cover. This is not acceptable. It is difficult for a young family as well to be able to support their families when these increases are implemented. Many residents of this province are already below the poverty line. All this is doing is encouraging those who are less fortunate to hit the food lines and food banks to be able to put food on their tables. A little increase means a lot to some. While the fat cats pad their pockets, we, the residents of this province have to dip into our pockets one more time to be able to again afford to survive. You are forcing the senior occupants of this province as well as young families trying to raise their children to go out into the work force to be able to live. Not all are able to do this. I see many seniors over the age of 75 working just to be able to put food on their tables and yes, pay for their utilities. When more than half of income for some every month is allocated for paying utilities, there is something very wrong here. Yes, many people are on equal billing you might say and so they will not feel the impact of the increase right away, but they will at the end of the year when they have to pay the difference in their billing. Increasing gas prices without a doubt has a ripple effect on the economy and our communities in our province and our country and this should be taken into consideration. I know they say that the hike in gas prices is due to supply and demand and our cold winter.

What happened Premier Doug Ford? I thought by implementing programs to expand natural gas to our rural areas was going to make our province more attractive for job creation and new businesses by opening up opportunities and therefore bringing the price of gas down? I know one thing, expect our hydro and other amenities to follow suite now. Like I said, the ripple effect.

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