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To: BoardSec <BoardSec@oeb.ca>
Subject: EB-2016-0315 written comments

I have just submitted the following comment but forgot to include the case # which is EB-2016-0315.

*Please reconsider your proposed rise in cottage hydro rates rationally, not politically, because what we pay is already so out-of-line it's obviously going to give you very bad press and well-deserved protests from Ontario citizens. Our example: we have a cottage an hour north of Kingston. In May our Hydro bill was:
Cost of generating, under the heading "Electricity" - \$19.33
Cost of delivery: \$129.77*

We shut off the hydro for good part of the year. Are you saying that every month, then, we'll pay almost \$200 for something we do not receive? It's one thing to pay this when we have the electricity on, but it's even more a sign of a corporation taking advantage of trapped customers when the hydro is turned completely off.

The bill we receive does not say what category we're in - but we've just phoned Hydro and our category is "residential seasonal". The person at Hydro we're talking to estimates this bill will rise by \$68.00, and pointed out that the OEB, not Hydro, is proposing this.

Of course it costs to deliver electricity to a sparsely populated rural area, but this excuse is exactly what cell phone companies use to charge the average person one of the highest rates for any country. Is there no other solution except to offload debt onto people who didn't cause it and can't pay it, because Ontario occupies a large land mass? Our household has an annual income of just over \$30,000 and the CEO of Hydro makes over a million dollars! What kind of country to live in are you creating with your actions and values? To quote Greta Thunberg: "How dare you!"

*Sincerely,
Dr. Miriam Clavir*

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