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The Ontario Energy Board

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-- Phone --  
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-- Address --  
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-- Comments --

I have been a part of the MicroFIT program since it started. Ottawa Hydro required me to have a digital meter and monthly billing for the installation rather than simply reading my inverter or an old mechanical meter once a year. Up until 2012, my income from the PV system was in the order of \$1000 - \$1250 per year. In 2016, Ottawa Hydro raised the fixed monthly charges to roughly \$18/month as opposed to about \$5. The current application will add \$7/month to these charges. Due to these fixed charges, the net income from the PV panels has dropped to about \$800/y and will reduce further by another \$100/y with the new rates. If this goes on long enough, I will be paying Hydro to provide them with electricity.

Given that it was Hydro's requirement to require an expensive meter and complicated bookkeeping, I suggest that MicroFIT accounts be reduced to a simple \$5 or \$10/month rather than increased to \$25/month under the proposed rate increase.

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