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EB-2020-0026

-- Name --
Maggie Edwards

-- Phone --
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-- Company --

-- Address --
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-- Comments --

Halton Hills Hydro has applied to increase rates for its customers and this is not the time to do it. The rate increase will see an extra \$6.83 per month, or \$81.96 per year for my household...

While this doesn't appear to be much for some, we are in the midst of a COVID-19 pandemic and economic uncertainty, more than one million Ontario residents have lost their jobs.

I fully understand that Halton Hills Hydro is a business as well and it may be routine to ask for an increase in rates every 5 years but with the applied increases (even capped) hydro is currently unaffordable as it is.

We are also currently looking at a 2nd wave of this virus- possible further shutdowns and damage to the economy.

A second wave would once again force businesses to shut down, and would keep people at home, thus crippling their income.

I am already finding hydro rates crippling as my July hydro bill went up over \$300 from last year and my consumption was actually down compared to the prior year. It is an inappropriate time to request a rate increase, as the pandemic has left many in bad financial situations and they are already dealing with increased rates.

-- Attachment --

