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Re Energy Board Hearing EB 2020- 0246

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**Ontario Energy Board**

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To the members of the Energy Board

I would like to address the Ontario Energy Board hearing regarding your proposed rate hike at our cottage on Rice Lake Ontario.

We have owned this cottage on Rice Lake for the past 17 years. This is a seasonal cottage. We visit the cottage between the long weekend in May till maybe the end of September.

This is a small one bedroom cottage. It is not winterized. It has no running potable water. No heating system, fireplace or portable heaters.

We do have a refrigerator, hot water tank and stove that we need the electricity to operate.

We do not use, visit or go to the cottage during the winter months. You can check your records of hydro consumption for the cottage to verify this.

I do not see why we need to pay anything at all during these colder months. If the hydro is turned off. It is not being used. We are not at the cottage.

Right now we pay a basic rate for the use of the hydro and we pay more when we use the hydro.

We pay even when we are not there to use the hydro. What more could you ask from a customer for not using the hydro.

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I propose the board should be giving us a break in our existing billing policy and rebate us money for not using the hydro. We should be rewarded for our conservation in our hydro use. I refuse to be penalized just because the Ontario Hydro needs more money for their fat cat raises or what ever else they use to justify a rate hike.

I would think that the Ontario Hydro will come to the table with outlandish bills showing that they spent a crazy amount of money to do what ever. I suggest to you that this is severally blown out of proportion and over inflated numbers. In doing so to justify a rate hike. It s not a rate hike. It s a theft of my money . I pay them now and I don t even use the hydro over the winter months.

Any rash, normal human being would not pay for something they're not using.

This kind of thinking is only justified by the Ontario Energy Board on the concocted belief a customer should pay for a product that they are not using. I don t know of any other company that stays in business, charging their customers for something they don t use.

What would you say if you got a bill in the mail, every month, from the Canadian Tire Store for \$50.00 a month. They say to me it 's because we do not want to go out of business. What would you say to them? Would you pay them the \$50.00.

The Ontario Hydro is a one horse industry. There isn t much competition out there. Much because of the highly regulated circumstances. In the United States of America has this government agency. NASA. NASA has in the past sent rockets into space on the tax payers dime. Then a player by the name of Elon Musk gets into the picture and does the same work that NASA did for 70 % less. The same thing. NASA was an old, single and solo industry in that field. They abused the American public financially for years. Mr Musk came in and showed the industry and the American taxpayer just what was going on there. Unfortunately our Ontario Energy Board has entered the same fat cat category that NASA found themselves in.

I propose that this system they have, should be totally re done. A rate hike based on lies and deceit is totally unacceptable. The idea that one can charge someone for the use of nothing could be possible, is not acceptable. This enters into the criminal relm.

Hydro uses lies, deceit to influence this Energy Board to do their bidding.

I further request that the file submitted to you by the Ontario Hydro be forwarded to the Ontario Provincial Police Fraud section for an investigation of fraud. That the content does not add up to their facts presented. There by fraudulent.

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I close in saying that no one should be compelled to pay for a service or product they are not using.

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Susan Williams

