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Ontario Energy Board

To Whom It May Concern

RE: OEB and Brantford Power application Increase
Case #EB-2021-0009

Brantford Power Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board to increase our electricity distribution rates by more than 15% from the current monthly rate. I wish to object to said significant increase.

I am a 73-year-old Urban Indigenous single pensioner on a fixed income. In 2021, we received a meagre 1% increase to our CPP and OAS payments.

- Brantford Power has requested that they be permitted this 15% increase to our monthly costs at a time when our pensions will not increase to help absorb this added living expense. While some of us on a fixed income may be currently in receipt of Government credits to help defray current energy costs, we have lived long enough to know that these credits are not something we can count on.
- While there was a freeze on rent increase in 2021, we know that our rent will increase on January 1, 2022, by 1.2%, the same date as the requested 15% increase in Brantford Power. Current CPI shows increase of 3.4% from May 2020-May 2021. Nothing is decreasing.
- It is becoming evident that our CPP and OAS payments are not keeping pace with the ever-increasing costs of living for single seniors. But that's another issue for my MP and MPP.

Thank you in advance for being invited to participate in this process.

Regards,

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