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I am horrified at the proposed application for an incredibly high rate increase in Hydro One rates the middle of a pandemic, when many people are out of work, or are working in lower-paid jobs than prior to the pandemic. The proposed rates appear to be 3-6 times higher than current time-of-use summer seasonal rates - and perhaps higher. We are already paying too much for what should be a public utility and an essential service. People on limited incomes including old-age pensions and long term disability like myself will not be able to afford to pay for their hydro utilities and may find themselves in the position of having to sell our homes and move... to where? To a homeless shelter or worse? There is simply no justification for this increase which amounts to taking advantage of ordinary middle-class people because of Hydro One's monopoly on hydro-electric services in this rural part of Ottawa. I also do not understand why we should have to pay more than other residents of Ottawa who are for completely arbitrary reasons in the Hydro Ottawa area and therefore benefit from lower rates. My understanding is that this division between Hydro One and Hydro Ottawa is for archaic historical reasons and simply because we are in a rural area that was formerly outside Ottawa city limits, prior to the amalgamation of the new City of Ottawa, 20 years ago. In any case, these scheduled rate increases are entirely unfair and unjustified. Please do not proceed with these unwarranted and punishing increases over a 5-year period which will result in many of us going into bankruptcy or worse.

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