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From: Alex Cushley

Sent: Wednesday, October 5, 2022 8:56 AM **To:** Office of the Registrar < Registrar @oeb.ca>

Subject: EB-2022-0059

Comment to the OEB in response to application EB-2022-0059 by PUC Distributions Inc.

In response to this notice, I oppose the rate increase. The average household is contending with increases in good and services due to inflation, without adding any other increases for arbitrary reasons. The reasons cited in the application, in particular investment in the "Sault Smart grid project", do not seem adequate for raising rates. In fact, consumers have been led to believe these investments would reduce rates, " The benefits associated with the Smart Grid include: More efficient transmission of electricity. Quicker restoration of electricity after power disturbances. Reduced operations and management costs for utilities, and ultimately **lower power costs for consumers**."

I would urge the OEB to deny this application, or have it modified to require a proportional rate decrease after a specified duration i.e. when the benefits of the Smart Grid investments are being realized by the PUC.

Furthermore, in the email I have forwarded, the notice from OEB states that comment can be made at www.oeb.ca/notices, however this case EL-2022-0059 is not listed. I do not feel that this application has been fully transparent and that opportunity has been granted for proper public response. Providing the incorrect URL and no other instructions on the notice for contacting the OEB impedes due process.

For your considereation,

Alex Cushley

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