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Ontario Energy Board
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Attn: Board Secretary Office

Re: Hydro One Application (OEB file number EB-2007-0681)

To whom it may concern

I wish to express my objections to this substantial increase in fees by Hydro One. The average increases we have been receiving on government pensions are approx. 1.8 % per year cost of living increase. Hydro One proposes two and half times this amount over four years which is greatly excessive.

I have tried like many other users to reduce our consumption in order to reduce the cost of electricity being used. No matter how hard I try the bill keeps getting bigger, not because of usage but because of the numerous various cost I must pay. For example: My last bill I paid four different prices for electricity 900 kwh @ 5.3000/928 kwh @ 6.2000/500kwh @ 5.0000 and 33 kwh @ 5.9000 = \$132.19 was the cost + the additional delivery, regulatory charges, debt, taxes my final bill was \$264.32 or double the cost of the electricity used. Winter bills are often in the \$400 and \$500 area with half being all kinds of charges.

How can we take saving energy seriously when the Hydro companies are constantly before the Board seeking substantial increases? Hydro One's request is in my opinion unjustified. They purchased Rockland Hydro a long time ago and have waited this long to impose this substantial increase. This is unacceptable. Hydro One have been doing substantial work in this area because of the construction of a new plaza, Walmart and other business establishing themselves in this area and I believe that this is the reason for the increases to recover their cost as quick as possible.

Why did Hydro One not adjust the rates immediately upon purchasing Rockland Hydro if this was to be an issue? I feel that this increase should be spread over 10 years averaging 1.9% increase per year which is more in line with the average cost of living increase. The consumer should not be held responsible or hostage to these types of increases because Hydro One did not initially apply for this adjustment when they purchased Rockland Hydro but waited several years later to apply for this large increase.

I have a disabled wife at home which forces me to use more electricity at times because of her condition and needs. There are no special programs that would reduce certain cost for us and even though I have made some changes to reduce my use of electricity I never see the benefits because it seems that Hydro One is always seeking some type of increase or adjustment.

I am asking the Board to take my letter into consideration before deciding on such a large increase which is really counter productive to inciting user to decrease electricity usage.



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