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to whom it may concern,

Please be advised that I am opposed to rate increases as proposed in the aforementioned application for the following reasons;

1. I am on a fixed income and have not had any pay raise or cost of living adjustment since the 2008 financial crisis. There just isn't any more funds and I am concerned that a rate increase will leave me, as well as others in a similar state, in a precarious position whereupon Hydro service could be disconnected for lack of payment. The inability to make the payment is a resultant of increases that have consumed any and all financing available.
2. I personally have been off work for many years as a result of injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident that I did not cause. At this point in time, I am unable to work and I am not certain what my future holds for me. I'm sure I am not the only person in this type of a situation and I asked that the CRTC recognize some of us have limitations and cannot physically do anything to offset any increases to fees. I live alone and therefore I am a sole source of finances to fund a necessity of life in this day and age.
3. There should be no rate increases in order to finance a new office building, that is not necessary, nor a expensive piece of artwork, for which the Innisfil public have already made known their disagreement that ratepayers fees are funding glorious pieces of art. The purpose of any fees is to pay for the utility on a nonprofit basis as ratepayers do not require fancy buildings or artwork.
4. The Innisfil service area is primarily made up of residential dwellings, which are not the source of high electricity consumption yet all the residences are having to pay exorbitant fees for Hydro because of industry. This should be enough or the CRTC should be reviewing all aspects that compose a Hydro bill and residential rates provided separately and not lumped in with commercial and industrial rates that are the larger users of the commodity.
5. There is a lack of natural gas service in the area and as a result a lot of homes were built where heating systems rely on electricity. Ontario Hydro have failed to recognize this and provide any sort of financial assistance to help homeowners alter their home heating systems so they may be more efficient. All present programs are designed for only those that have FAG heating setups. Even old FAG systems are more reliable than electrical yet nothing is being done to assist homeowners in a similar fashion and therefore is unfair that such an expensive commodity, as Hydro, be increased without equal consideration from the province for us all to become more efficient. I bring this to your attention as this is the type of discussion I have had

with Innisfil Hydro and the rational reason why we are not getting the same consideration as the higher density urban areas.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments and I hope you will review this in a fair fashion and understand that nonpayment of utilities does result in termination of services and that this will most likely occur in my instance because of my situation. If there is to be a rate increase then there must be a plan in place that would protect persons, without penalty, that are in a similar situation as I.

Regards,

Greg Meincke

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