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ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Dear Sirs:

On behalf of City Council and ratepayers of the City of Quinte West, I am writing to formally object to the distribution rate consolidation and corresponding rate increases proposed by Hydro One.

Not only will the proposed rate increases significantly affect the City of Quinte West's operating budget, it will also have a significant effect on our ratepayers ability to pay for hydro. If the proposed rate increase is approved by the board, residents in the City of Quinte West will see a 25.9% increase over 4 years with a 9.5% increase in 2009.

With this proposed rate increase being only for distribution rates, we are also concerned about the potential increases in the actual consumption rates which could occur over the next four years which would result in an even large increase to our residents.

Therefore, we respectfully request that the Ontario Energy Board reject the proposed distribution rate increase from Hydro One on the grounds that a 25.9% increase over 4 years (9.5% in 2009) will create an undue hardship for the residents of Quinte West.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 613-392-2841.

Yours truly,

CITY OF QUINTE WEST

John R. Williams
Mayor.

