

-- Name --

Natalie Kular

-- Do you reside in the impacted service area? -- Yes

-- Comments --

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed hydro rate increases put forward by Hydro Ottawa. I find these increases not only unreasonable but also deeply frustrating given the current structure of electricity billing.

As it stands, over 80% of my monthly electricity bill consists of fees and charges unrelated to my actual consumption. Despite my best efforts to manage my energy use—such as limiting consumption during peak hours and utilizing energy-efficient appliances—I am seeing minimal reduction in my costs. This situation mirrors the experiences of many other Canadians who are struggling with skyrocketing electricity bills, regardless of how much they try to conserve energy.

The current rate structure does little to reflect the realities of energy usage for consumers and places an undue financial burden on households. This proposed rate increase is an additional hardship for people already facing higher living costs across the board.

I urge the Ontario Energy Board to reconsider this increase and explore more sustainable, fairer solutions that prioritize the financial well-being of residents, especially those who are doing their best to reduce their environmental footprint and lower their consumption.

Thank you for your time and consideration.