

-- Name --

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

-- Comments --

This application by Hydro Ottawa to increase service rates is unacceptable given the growing affordability crisis we are facing in Ontario. Hydropower is an essential service. Our cold winters and hot summers make hydro a significant expense for renters and homeowners alike. As a low-income renter, I found myself paying upwards of \$300 to Hydro Ottawa per month for my small two-bedroom apartment. I am not alone in this, and if prices increase, I will not be able to heat my home in the winter. With the provincial push toward tackling the housing crisis, this contradicts provincial directives and is a direct attack on housing affordability.