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

-- Comments --
Subject: Letter of Comment – Hydro Ottawa Rate Application (EB-2024-0115)

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Hydro Ottawa's proposed electricity distribution rate increase outlined in application EB-2024-0115.

At a time when many households and small businesses are under significant financial pressure from inflation and rising living costs, a further increase per month for residential customers—and even more for commercial accounts—is simply unacceptable.

This proposed hike becomes even harder to justify when we consider executive compensation at Hydro Ottawa. In 2022, Hydro Ottawa's President and CEO, Bryce Conrad, received a base salary of \$412,478 and an additional \$69,596 in compensation—despite not receiving a performance bonus. It is deeply concerning that while average citizens are being asked to pay more, executive salaries at publicly owned utilities remain so high and apparently unaffected by the same cost pressures facing the public.

Rate increases should be a last resort, not a routine measure passed on to customers, especially when leadership compensation remains elevated. I urge the Ontario Energy Board to reject this application and prioritize affordability and transparency for the residents and businesses of Ottawa.

Thank you for considering my comments.