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

-- Comments --

Re: Opposition to Proposed Electricity Rate Increases

I am writing as a Hydro Ottawa customer and concerned resident of Ottawa to formally express my disagreement with the proposed increase to electricity rates.

While I understand that utility providers must account for rising costs and infrastructure investments, these increases come at a time when many households and small businesses are already struggling to manage the impact of inflation, high interest rates, and overall rising costs of living. The proposed rate hike feels both untimely and excessive.

Reliable electricity is a necessity, not a luxury. Rate increases of this nature disproportionately impact lower- and middle-income residents, many of whom have limited flexibility to reduce their energy consumption further. There has been little transparency or meaningful consultation with ratepayers, and no clear justification that prioritizes affordability for consumers.

I urge Hydro Ottawa to reconsider this decision and to explore more sustainable, equitable solutions that protect ratepayers while still supporting infrastructure needs. Greater transparency, phased implementation (if absolutely necessary), and stronger protections for vulnerable residents should be essential components of any rate proposal moving forward.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to seeing Hydro Ottawa take a more balanced approach that reflects the economic realities faced by its customers.