

-- Name --

James Worrall

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

-- Comments --

Dear OEB,

I am a residential customer but I also own a MicroFIT solar system, located on my roof. Hydro Ottawa requires me to hold two separate accounts: one for electricity consumption in my home and the other for electricity generation. This means that I pay distribution charges twice, once on each account.

If the proposed increases go forward, I anticipate the profitability of my solar installation will be impacted. The MicroFIT contract is for 20 years, and it was a "barely break even" proposition in the first place. Further increases to Hydro Ottawa delivery charges will likely mean it is a money loser.

In a time when we need more distributed energy resources, such as residential solar installations, to meet peak and growing demand, I submit that it would be unwise to increase these charges on generator accounts.

Therefore, I request the OEB consider exempting generator accounts from any increases to distribution charges.

Sincerely,

James Worrall

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