## Letter of Comment - EB-2024-0115

- -- Name --Ali Alsalihiy
- -- Do you reside in the impacted service area? -- Yes
- -- Comments --

Absolutely not. With the cost of living already at unsustainable levels, any additional increase to our monthly hydro bills is simply unacceptable.

Residents and small businesses are already struggling to keep up with rising expenses across the board — from housing to groceries to fuel. Now, with Hydro Ottawa proposing yet another rate hike effective January 2026, the frustration in our community has reached a boiling point. A \\$6.08 monthly increase for residential customers and \\$14.57 for general service customers may seem modest on paper, but for many, it's just one more burden in an already overwhelming financial landscape.

The community is outraged and exhausted by the constant upward pressure on essential utility costs. We urge the Ontario Energy Board to seriously consider the real-world impact of this application and reject these proposed increases. Enough is enough.