

-- Name --

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

-- Comments --

I strongly oppose Hydro Ottawa's proposed rate increase. If anything, electricity rates should be going down—not up.

Hydro Ottawa is already one of the most expensive utility providers in the country. Electricity is a basic necessity, yet it is being priced like a luxury. As someone in a relatively higher tax bracket, even I hesitate to turn on the air conditioning when it's 26°C inside my home in the summer. I can't imagine what others—especially low- and fixed-income residents—are forced to endure.

This situation is unacceptable in a country like Canada, which has abundant hydroelectric resources and should be able to offer affordable power to its residents. Rising rates only serve to deepen inequality and hardship, while rewarding inefficiency and poor oversight.

Canada has abundant hydroelectric resources. There is no reasonable justification for electricity to be this expensive, especially in a country where renewable generation is widely available. Instead of leveraging this natural advantage to benefit residents and small businesses, Hydro Ottawa continues to push for rate hikes that place an undue burden on households and local enterprises.

If you walk through downtown Ottawa, you'll see visible signs of public dissatisfaction—many businesses have posted signs protesting Hydro Ottawa. How much more evidence is needed before public concerns are taken seriously?

People are struggling, and Hydro Ottawa is exploiting a basic human need. I urge you not only to reject the proposed rate increase but to begin exploring ways to reduce rates and make electricity more affordable for everyone.

Sincerely.