

Letter of Comment - EB-2024-0115

-- Name --

Connie Brown

-- Do you reside in the impacted service area? -- No

-- Comments --

Hello,

There is no reason for Hydro Ottawa Limited to apply to increase rates other than greed. This utility is forced upon us (there are other ways we could provide our own power but we HAVE to sign up to this service) so it should actually operate as an NPO. It should not be allowed to be a limited company that is earning profits, paying large corporate salaries, paying bonuses, executive travel, etc. on the backs of the everyday working person. We have to pay our hydro bill with ALREADY TAXED dollars.

Now, is especially not the time for another increase in living expenses. Everyone is at the end of their rope with being able to survive in this inflationary time. How can you approve an increase to rates at this time. There is no need for a rate increase. Even if the utility is losing money (which I highly doubt it is), the government should be subsidizing the service - since you force us to use this service WITHOUT ANY COMPETITION. I am quite certain that there is a ton of overspending in this limited company on meals and entertainment, alcohol, events, parties etc. paid for by Hydro Ottawa. Cut out all of that corporate greed spend and there is no need for a rate increase. Since Hydro Ottawa has a monopoly, they also NEVER need to have a marketing or advertising budget. You can cut out all of that spending and again, you would not need a rate increase. How much does the executive team earn in gross salary PLUS benefits each year? I am certain there is room to cut something there before asking everyone to pay more when we are maxed out.

I sincerely hope you do not approve a rate increase at this time. The everyday Canadian is going insane with how monopolized and expensive just surviving is now. It is a very very sad situation that will be made even worse if you increase rates. Please, please, please do not approve a rate increase right now. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, C. Brown