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-- Name --

Gregory Hunt

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

-- Comments --

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Burlington Hydro Inc. 1340 Brant Street Burlington, ON L7R 3Z7

Subject: Letter of Comment – File Number EB-2025-0051 – 2026 Electricity Distribution Rates, Cost of Service Application Dear Burlington Hydro Inc.,

I am writing to express my significant concerns regarding the proposed increase to electricity distribution rates, scheduled to take effect on January 1st, 2026, as outlined in File Number EB-2025-0051. I do not agree with this proposed increase and urge you to reconsider and maintain the current rates.

My primary objection stems from the already considerable financial pressures that my household, like many others in our community, is currently facing. Over the past few years, and particularly recently, the cost of living has risen substantially. Specifically:

1. Increased Grocery Costs: The price of essential groceries has escalated significantly. Factors such as tariffs and other inflationary pressures have made it increasingly challenging to manage household food budgets.
2. Impending Mortgage Renewal: My mortgage is due for renewal next year. Given the current interest rate environment, I am anticipating a substantial increase in my monthly mortgage payments. This upcoming financial adjustment will significantly impact my disposable income and overall financial stability.
3. Cumulative Rise in Living Expenses: When combined, the increase in grocery prices, the anticipated rise in mortgage payments, and general inflation across other goods and services mean that my overall household costs are significantly higher than they have been in the last five years. Adding an electricity rate hike on top of these existing burdens would create an undue hardship.

Electricity is not a luxury; it is an essential service. While I understand the need for infrastructure maintenance and operational costs, I implore Burlington Hydro Inc. to recognize the current economic climate and the financial strain its customers are under. An increase in electricity rates at this time would exacerbate the financial challenges faced by many residents who are diligently trying to manage their budgets in the face of widespread cost increases. Therefore, I respectfully request that Burlington Hydro Inc. carefully consider the impact of the proposed rate increase on its customers and make every effort to keep the electricity distribution rates at their current levels for 2026. Finding efficiencies and exploring alternative cost-saving measures, rather than passing increased costs directly to consumers already struggling, would be a more considerate approach in these challenging times.

Thank you for your time and for considering my perspective on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Gregory Hunt

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