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LETTER OF COMMENT

Comments:

Dear Ontario Energy Board Members, I am writing as a resident of Brampton, Ontario, and a customer of Alectra Utilities, to express my deep concern regarding the application for an increase in electricity delivery rates Case EB 2025 0252. While I understand that utilities face operational cost pressures, I strongly urge the Board to consider the severe financial strain this proposed increase would place on households like mine, especially within the current economic climate. My specific concerns are as follows: **The High Cost of Living in Brampton:** The city of Brampton is already experiencing a significantly high cost of living. Housing costs, groceries, property tax and insurance are among the highest in the Greater Toronto Area. An increase to an essential service like electricity delivery would be another heavy burden on families who are already struggling to make ends meet. For many, there is simply no more room in the monthly budget for such an increase. **Economic Uncertainty and Potential Recession:** With widespread talk of economic uncertainty and a potential recession, now is not the time to increase fixed costs for Ontarians. Many individuals and families are worried about job security and future income. Approving a rate hike during this period of fragility would be counterproductive, potentially forcing households to choose between keeping the lights on and other essential needs like food or medication. **Electricity as an Essential Service:** Electricity is not a luxury; it is a fundamental necessity for safety, health, and participation in modern society. Increasing its cost disproportionately impacts vulnerable populations, including fixed-income seniors, low-income families, and young people just starting out. I ask the Board to ensure that affordability remains a core principle in its decision-making. In conclusion, I respectfully request that the Ontario Energy Board reject this application for a delivery rate increase or, at a minimum, significantly reduce the requested amount. Please prioritize the financial well-being of the ratepayers you are entrusted to protect. Thank you for considering my perspective.

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Do you reside in the impacted service area?: Yes

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Company:

Receive a copy of the decision?: Yes