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LETTER OF COMMENT

Comments:

Good morning Hope you are finding time to enjoy the sunshine. I'm writing to express my unhappiness with the process of approving and allowing constant increase to utility rates. Alectra Utilities Corporation has applied for another rate increase, unbelievable. I don't believe they are even a Canadian company. Ontario has a record number of seniors living on fixed incomes, we are seeing record numbers of people needing food banks to survive. Welfare and unemployment numbers are up and bankruptcies are at an all time high. When does it stop, when do we fix it? When people have to make choices between hydro, heat or food the system is broken. Wake up, your decisions are hurting a lot of real people in some of the toughest times since the great depression. To add to all of that we have to jump through several hoops just have our voice heard at the hearing. The word barriers come to mind. I would love to know what the average salary of the people sitting on the OEB is? My guess almost every member of the OEB is making above the Canadian average income. Members that are not anywhere near struggling to make ends meet. Get rid of the members making more than 40,000.00 per year and bring in real people. Seniors on a fixed income, single parents raising a family, people working 2- 3 jobs just to make ends meet, people that have declared bankruptcy. Hydro is the most expensive recourse home owners use by far. The rates are ridiculous! If someone lives up north because of there job they are discriminated against and have to pay higher rates compared to someone in a major city. Stop hiding behind the electric vehicle's fad, saying oh we need to increase hydro rates to prepare for electric vehicle. Electric cars are not the answer, it's just a distraction away from bigger problems. They destroy the environment when mining, the are very expensive to buy, the public has made it clear they are not interested in them, recycling batteries adds further to the degrading of our environment, if in an accident and a fire breaks out, we now have toxic chemicals being released with the possibility of an explosion, when the batteries do die, we'll have junk yards full of cars because the owners couldn't afford to replace the batteries… Manufactures have backed off on electric vehicles and are now focused on making gas engines more efficient including designing new V8's, creating alternative fuels for use in combustion engines. How may jobs would be lost if we went electric, finding oil, drilling, exporting, refining, trucking to gas stations all over the world and the gas station employees, the people who build and maintain the gas stations...? How many rechargeable batteries are already in disposal sites from vehicles, powered scooters, powered carts …? The government has invested billions in something that simply is not feasible. Hydro rates need to be reduced by 50% or more. I believe the reason your board was created is to serve the public. Some where over the years you have lost track of your role. This board has the ability to make tough decisions that reflect the best interest of the public. This board has the ability to stream meetings to the public and

allow the public to speak freely at those meetings without jumping through hoops. Next time you see a person begging on the street, homeless, or at a food bank, stop and reflect, your past decisions have helped put them there. Progress a term used way to often, when people get left behind or are struggling to survive its not progress it is straight up failure. You need to do better and be accountable. Make it mandatory for members to help at Senior home, homeless shelters and food banks, maybe, just maybe you'll remember what a conscious is.This application should be rejected and recommendations put in place to reduce energy rates. Have a great week! Mike Palma

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Do you reside in the impacted service area?: Yes