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Subject: Redacted - Letter of Comment - EB-2025-0044

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

-- Comments --

I am writing to object to the rate harmonization and cost allocations proposed in EB-2025-0044. St. Thomas residents are facing a rate increase while municipal infrastructure (rail/utility corridors) is being repurposed to serve the PowerCo industrial site.

There is a significant concern regarding Asymmetric Dividend Allocation: because Entegrus is 71.5% owned by Chatham-Kent, the vast majority of the profits generated by this new industrial load will leave our municipality. Simultaneously, heritage assets are being liquidated, seemingly possibly to facilitate this expansion; infrastructure "upgrades" have lead to approximately a 23% increase in municipal taxes over the last four years, a very difficult burden for residents to navigate WITHOUT any other rate increases. I request the OEB investigate whether St. Thomas ratepayers are being unfairly burdened by infrastructure costs that primarily serve a cross-municipal dividend flow.

-- Was AI used for the letter of comment? -- Yes