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From: Ontario Energy Board <webmaster@oeb.ca>
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-- Name --
Sabrina Prest

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

-- Comments --

To the Ontario Energy Board,
I'm writing as a homeowner and parent in Fort Erie because I'm tired of watching the cost of simply living continue to climb.

Every few months it feels like there's another notice saying something is going up. Groceries cost more than they did a year ago. Property taxes keep increasing. Insurance goes up. Mortgage payments have gone up. Gas isn't getting cheaper. Now we're being told our electricity bill is going up again too.

I understand that maintaining infrastructure costs money and I'm not suggesting utilities should operate without funding, but there has to be a point where someone asks what families are supposed to cut next.

Electricity isn't optional. We can't decide to use less heat during freezing winters, stop refrigerating food or tell our kids they can't have lights on to do homework because another rate increase was approved. These aren't luxury expenses they're basic necessities.

What frustrates me is that these increases are often described as "only" a few dollars a month. That may not sound like much in isolation but families don't live in isolation. It's another increase added to dozens of others. Those "small" increases have become hundreds, if not thousands, of dollars a year when combined.

Before asking customers to pay more, I hope the Board asks whether every reasonable step has been taken to control costs internally. Ratepayers shouldn't automatically become the solution every time additional funding is needed.

I'm asking the Ontario Energy Board to look beyond the numbers on a spreadsheet and consider the reality many Ontario families are living. People are stretched thin. Many are already choosing between paying bills, buying groceries and putting money aside for emergencies. Another increase, no matter how it's described, adds to that burden.

I respectfully ask that this application be denied or, at the very least, significantly reduced unless there is clear evidence that no other reasonable option exists.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my comments.

-- Was AI used for the letter of comment? -- No