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From: Ontario Energy Board <webmaster@oeb.ca>
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To: Office of the Registrar <Registrar@oeb.ca>
Subject: Redacted - Letter of Comment - EB-2026-0052

-- Name --

Erika Altamirano

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

-- Comments --

Dear Ontario Energy Board Commissioners, I am writing as a resident of Innisfil and an InnPower residential customer to state that I oppose InnPower's application to increase its electricity distribution rates and to move its rebasing forward from 2029 to 2027.

Electricity costs are already a significant expense for households in our community. InnPower's current residential distribution charges include a fixed monthly service charge of \$48.94, before considering electricity consumption and other applicable charges and riders. For residents who are already paying substantial electricity bills, I do not believe additional increases should be approved without a compelling and thoroughly demonstrated need.

I understand that the proposed increase shown in the notice for a typical residential customer using 750 kWh is stated to be only \$0.23 per month. However, my concern is larger than the \$0.23 figure. InnPower was originally expected to rebase its rates in 2029 and is now asking to do so in 2027. I believe customers deserve a clear and convincing explanation as to why an earlier rebasing is necessary and why InnPower cannot continue operating under the existing rate framework until the originally planned date.

Residents do not have the option of choosing another local electricity distributor if InnPower's distribution rates increase. This makes regulatory scrutiny especially important. Customers should not simply be expected to absorb additional costs whenever a distributor seeks increased revenue.

I am also concerned about the cumulative effect of increases. A small increase may appear insignificant when presented in isolation, but electricity bills consist of multiple components, charges and adjustments. For households facing increases in housing costs, property taxes, insurance, groceries and other necessities, affordability should be an important consideration.

I therefore respectfully ask the Ontario Energy Board to not approve the application as filed without being satisfied that InnPower has demonstrated that the proposed costs are necessary, reasonable and prudent, and that moving the rebasing forward by two years is justified.

In particular, I ask the Board to closely examine InnPower's operating and administrative expenses, capital expenditures, revenue requirement, deferral and variance accounts, and whether reasonable opportunities exist to control, reduce or defer costs rather than passing them on to customers.

I support necessary investment to maintain a safe and reliable electricity system. However, maintaining infrastructure and controlling costs for customers should not be mutually exclusive.

InnPower should be expected to demonstrate efficiency and financial accountability before customers are asked to pay more.

As an InnPower customer, I am opposed to this proposed increase and particularly concerned about the decision to seek rebasing in 2027 rather than the previously planned 2029 date. I ask the Board to protect customers from increases that have not been clearly demonstrated to be necessary and reasonable.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Erika Altamirano

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