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-- Name --
Mike Hojati

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

-- Comments --
Re: London Hydro Inc. – 2027 Electricity Distribution Rate Application, EB-2026-0056

To the Ontario Energy Board,

I am writing as a London Hydro customer to object to the proposed electricity distribution rate increase contained in London Hydro's 2027 Cost of Service application.

I recognize that maintaining a safe and reliable electricity distribution system requires ongoing investment. However, I am concerned about the size and timing of the proposed increase and the continuing accumulation of higher household costs.

Under the application, a typical residential customer using 750 kWh per month would see their electricity bill increase by approximately \$6.01 per month beginning May 1, 2027. Although this amount may appear modest when considered in isolation, electricity is an essential service, and customers are already dealing with increases in housing, food, insurance, property taxes, utilities and other basic expenses.

I therefore ask the Ontario Energy Board to closely scrutinize London Hydro's proposed expenditures rather than approving the requested increase as filed.

In particular, I ask the OEB to consider:

1. Whether all proposed capital spending is necessary at this time. Projects related to safety and reliability should be distinguished from projects that can reasonably be deferred, reduced or implemented more gradually.
2. Whether London Hydro has exhausted opportunities to reduce operating and administrative costs before asking customers to contribute additional revenue.
3. Whether the proposed investments should be phased over a longer period to reduce the immediate impact on residential and small-business customers.
4. Whether customers receiving the benefit of new system expansion should bear an appropriate share of those costs, rather than placing a disproportionate burden on existing customers.
5. Whether projected growth and electrification expenditures are supported by sufficiently conservative assumptions. Customers should not be required to pay today for infrastructure that may not be required for many years.
6. Whether London Hydro's productivity, compensation, procurement, consulting, technology and administrative expenditures have been sufficiently challenged and benchmarked against comparable Ontario electricity distributors.

London Hydro has indicated that it reduced the projected impact on a typical residential customer from approximately \$8 per month to \$6.01 after considering customer affordability concerns. While this is an improvement, it also demonstrates that meaningful reductions can be found when proposed spending is closely examined.

I therefore respectfully request that the OEB not approve the application as filed. I ask the Board to identify further savings, remove or defer expenditures that are not immediately necessary, and approve only those costs that London Hydro can clearly demonstrate are prudent, necessary and reasonable.

Reliable electricity infrastructure is important, but affordability must also remain a central consideration. As a regulated monopoly providing an essential service, London Hydro does not face the same competitive pressures that normally encourage businesses to control costs. The OEB's review is therefore an important safeguard for customers.

I respectfully ask the Board to exercise that oversight carefully and minimize the rate increase to the greatest extent reasonably possible while maintaining safe and reliable electricity service.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely

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