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-- Name --
Ivan Lunevski

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

-- Comments --
Re: Formal Objection to Hydro One Networks Inc. Rate Applications
• Case Number: EB-2026-0164 (2028–2032 Joint Transmission & Distribution)
• Case Number: EB-2026-0169 (2027 Electricity Transmission Revenue Requirement)
Dear OEB Registrar and Commissioners,
I am writing as an impacted residential customer to register my strong objection to the multi-year transmission and distribution rate increases currently being requested by Hydro One.
As a ratepayer, my household is already facing intense financial pressure due to the cumulative cost of living, rising delivery fees, and general inflation over the last several years. Electricity is an essential, non-negotiable utility. When Hydro One requests a massive five-year, $37-billion capital plan and custom rate-setting frameworks, the burden of funding these corporate investments falls squarely on everyday families who have no choice but to pay.
I am deeply concerned about the following aspects of Hydro One's applications:
• Unreasonable Cumulative Impact: The combined upward pressure of the 2027 transmission adjustments, followed immediately by a five-year compounding rate hike through 2032, will make monthly hydro bills highly unpredictable and increasingly unaffordable.
• Lack of Direct Affordability Protections: While infrastructure maintenance is necessary, Hydro One must be required to find operational efficiencies, manage its capital pacing, and absorb costs internally rather than continuously passing the bill down to regular consumers.
• Squeezing Rural and Fixed-Income Consumers: For customers in rural or semi-urban delivery areas who already pay some of the highest distribution and delivery costs in the country, these hikes are completely unsustainable.
I urge the Ontario Energy Board to rigorously scrutinize Hydro One's projected spending, challenge their requested rate of return, and reject any rate structures that prioritize corporate capital expansion at the expense of public affordability. The OEB's core mandate is to protect the consumer interest—right now, consumers cannot afford these increases.
Thank you for ensuring that the voices of everyday Ontarians are factored into your final decision.

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Yes