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-- Name --
Jody Allen

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

-- Comments --
Re: EB-2026-0164 – Opposition to Hydro One's Proposed Rate Increases

To the Ontario Energy Board,

I STRONGLY oppose Hydro One's proposed rate increases.

At a time when many Ontario families and small businesses, like ours, are struggling with rising costs, it is concerning that a corporation reporting more than a billion dollars in annual profit is seeking to charge its customers even more.

Every business is expected to budget for maintenance, infrastructure, and future expenses. These are normal costs of doing business and should not automatically justify continual rate increases.

Hydro One has consistently reported billion dollar profits, year after year, while its five executives reportedly received more than $10 million in combined annual compensation. This is difficult to reconcile with the reality faced by many customers, including seniors, low-income families, minimum-wage workers, and small business owners who are already struggling to pay their bills.

Affordable electricity is an essential service, not a luxury. Increasing electricity costs place further strain on families and businesses that are already on the brink of collapse.

I greatly respect the Hydro One employees who work in difficult and often dangerous conditions to keep electricity flowing across Ontario. When a company is generating billions of dollars in profit, year after year, and can afford multimillion-dollar executive compensation, is it reasonable to ask consumers to pay more ? OR should they cut into their profits and the burden be absorbed through greater efficiency, cost control, and shareholder restraint during an economic crisis. Our communities are ravished by homelessness, many of whom couldn't pay their hydro bill. It is time for the greater good to outweigh profits.

I respectfully ask the Ontario Energy Board to reject these proposed rate increases and explore opportunities to REDUCE electricity costs for Ontario consumers.

Thank you for your consideration.

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