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-- Name --
Jeffrey Szelzki

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

-- Comments --
To the Ontario Energy Board,

I am writing as an Ontario electricity consumer to express my concern regarding Hydro One Networks Inc. and Hydro One Sault Ste. Marie LP's application for increased electricity transmission and distribution rates for 2028–2032.

Electricity is an essential service, not a luxury. Ontario residents and families are already dealing with rising costs of living, including groceries, housing, insurance, transportation and other basic necessities.

I believe the Ontario Energy Board should carefully scrutinize Hydro One's proposed operating expenses, infrastructure investments and overall financial requirements before approving any additional charges to customers.

I would like the OEB to consider the following:

Ensure that all proposed expenses and infrastructure investments are necessary, reasonable and cost-effective.

Require Hydro One to demonstrate that it is making every reasonable effort to control operating costs before passing additional expenses on to customers.

Consider the financial impact of these increases on ordinary households, seniors, retirees and families living on fixed or limited incomes.

Reject or reduce any proposed increases that have not been adequately justified.

Ensure that electricity remains affordable and accessible for Ontario residents.

As a ratepayer, I believe consumers deserve transparency, accountability and reasonable electricity costs.

I respectfully ask the Ontario Energy Board to carefully consider the concerns of everyday electricity customers before making its final decision.

Thank you for considering my comments.

An Ontario Electricity Consumer

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