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

-- Comments --
To the Registrar and Commissioners of the Ontario Energy Board,

I am an all-electric Low Density (R2) Hydro One customer on the Tiered plan. While I support grid reliability, I urge the Board to reject or heavily scrutinize four elements of application EB-2026-0164:

1. Uncapped Winter Exposure: Hydro One's 750 kWh benchmark ignores all-electric R2 homes. My bills swing from $60 in summer to $300 in winter. While DRP caps fixed fees, R2 homes remain fully exposed to volumetric transmission hikes, ongoing R2 distribution volume charges through 2032, and an official 1.105 (10.5%) line-loss multiplier that scales up every winter kWh (Page 6, Table 2).

2.Inflated Equity Thickness: Expanding deemed equity from 40% to 45% shifts unnecessary private-shareholder capital costs onto captive ratepayers. The Board should reject any increase above 40% (Page 4, lines 16–22).

3. Administrative & IT Bloat: Ratepayers fund heavy OM&A, $845M in cloud-computing prepaid expenditures ($309M Transmission + $536M Distribution), and new IT deferral accounts. The Board must strictly audit overhead and enforce in-service capital accountability (Page 4, Table 1; Page 5, lines 1–4).

4. Capital Pacing & Profit Buffers: Hydro One's $27.5B five-year capital plan ($16.65B Transmission + $10.86B Distribution) requires slower pacing, stronger productivity stretch factors, and a lower threshold on the Earnings Sharing Mechanism to protect rural affordability (Page 4, Table 1 and lines 8–15).

Thank you for placing these comments on the public record.

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