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To the Board Secretary and OEB Panel Members,

I am writing to formally submit my Letter of Comment regarding case number **EB-2026-0164**, in strong opposition to the five-year rate application submitted by Hydro One Networks Inc. and Hydro One Sault Ste. Marie LP.

As a resident and electricity consumer in Ottawa, Ontario, I am deeply concerned about the lack of affordability in these proposed rate increases. Ontario households are already facing immense financial pressure due to the rising cost of living, persistent inflation, and skyrocketing prices for everyday essentials like groceries, housing, and insurance.

While Hydro One frames these sequential annual increases as minor, the reality is that utility bills are already a heavy burden. For families on fixed or limited budgets, any cumulative increase creates a compounding financial strain. Consumers cannot continue to absorb the cost of massive infrastructure overhauls while our own household budgets are being stretched to the absolute limit.

I urge the Ontario Energy Board to fulfill its mandate to protect consumers. Please reject Hydro One's requested rate framework in its current form. The OEB must pressure Hydro One to find internal operational efficiencies, manage their expenditures more strictly, and absorb these infrastructure costs themselves rather than passing the financial burden onto Ontario rate-payers who simply cannot afford it.

Thank you for reviewing my comment and ensuring it is included in the official public record for this proceeding.

Sincerely,

Sandra Baker-Gregory
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