

Fwd: Hydro One rate increase

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Subject: Hydro One rate increase

Dear Mr. Thibeault,

I am writing to you to challenge the application of Hydro One for an increase in the distribution rate, service charges on disconnection/reconnection, removal of limiters, account collections and pole access. It looks to me like Hydro One wants all rate payers to foot the bill for the customers that they were forced to forgive/renegotiate last winter.

Being a single senior living on a fixed income, I am finding it difficult to get through the "golden years" with constant increases to the cost of the necessities of life. I struggle to understand how my children and grandchildren can pay their bills.

If the proposed increases requested by Hydro One are approved, I, and most of the seniors that I know, will again have to make uncomfortable adjustments to our daily lives in order to cover the cost of these increases. I am already putting off preparing my evening meal until after 7 pm so I can take advantage of the lowest electricity rates. If I want a hot breakfast, I must prepare it before the rate increase at 7 am. The 12 hours between can be very uncomfortable. I wear sweaters and cover up in quilts during the winter with my programmable thermostat set at 18. I have only one light on at a time and use the latest energy saving bulbs.

All my working life, I did the family laundry on the weekend as that was when I had the time to devote to this task. I dreamed of the day I could retire and perform this task any time I wanted or needed. Since retirement, I have had to go back to doing laundry on the weekend as this is the most economical time. If a load has to be done in the evening, it must wait until morning to be hung out to dry no I don't use a dryer, I can't afford it!

I have been waiting anxiously for the Premier's promised Fair Hydro Act rate decrease, one my grandchildren will be paying for, but have not yet seen the 17% reduction. Maybe the rate increase that is being applied for will cancel out the reduction thus saving a lot of paper work for Hydro One.

Party platforms will be closely scrutinized in the Provincial elections next year before I cast my vote.

I challenge the application for this rate increase and propose that it be denied and Hydro One learn to live within its means as we, the customers, do.

Sincerely

Christine Leitch

a concerned senior