

Example Hydro Bill

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Dear Sir/ Madam.

Please find attached a copy of the Hydro usage and service charges of an Ontario business posted on the internet this morning and accompanying text. This serves as yet another example of the extreme duress Ontario residents and businesses are experiencing under the current system of billing by our hydro providers.

Please note the usage of this particular company is \$13.060. Additional charges raise the final bill to \$162.212, a difference of \$149.152 or 11.42 TIMES the actual usage.

As a resident of the Province of Ontario with a mere College education even I can see this is unsustainable and raises concern that this business, like so many others is a risk of either closing up shop or moving to the US where costs will be considerably cheaper.

Once again we advocate for a user pays system here in Ontario. Please mandate a universal cost per kilowatt hour and scrap all additional fees in favor of a reasonable set service charge.

Respectfully,

Mary Katherine Munnings

Text as follows. Photo of bill attached.

An Ontario manufacturing plant's managers are concerned about their facility's future after receiving a hydro bill that includes a green energy levy of over \$100,000.

While the company paid \$13.060 for energy actually used during the month of November, its "global adjustment fee" for that usage was a whopping \$107,698.

A "global adjustment fee" is the term the Ontario government and energy companies use to describe the amount they tack on to businesses' bills to cover the extremely generous and above-market rates the government has agreed to pay green energy companies in the province.

It's basically a case of taking a whole pile of money from one company and simply handing it over to a different company of the government's choosing. The Ontario auditor general has warned that these sorts of green deals have resulted in ratepayers facing tens of billions of dollars in needless payments over and above the actual cost of the energy used. And Ontario manufacturers aren't happy about it.

"The situation with electricity pricing is critical for businesses in this province and now with the introduction of cap and trade, we are going to see the same increases in natural gas," says Jocelyn Bamford, spokesman for Coalition of Concerned Manufacturers of Ontario. "This will make running a business unsustainable in this province," she warns.

The plant that provided its bills to the Toronto Sun is the southwestern Ontario facility for a larger American company. They requested not to be named in the story as they don't want head office to discover just how bad the situation has become in the province.

They're worried their operations will be shut down and the jobs relocated to an American state.

"Eighty-five percent of the manufacturers in Ontario are 50 employees or less. And the companies are low greenhouse gas emitters," adds Bamford, who is also the vice-president of a Toronto-area manufacturer. "And yet we are bearing the cost of the cap-and-trade program. Many businesses have done their part to introduce energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gases and we continue to see prices skyrocketing. We are calling on the government to do something about this situation before time runs out."

This manufacturer's story is far from unique.

Ever since the Sun ran a series on the sky high hydro bills consumers and businesses in Ontario face, readers have been sending in their own bills that show similar outrageous fees.

Electricity: 877,668.9186 kWh @ 1.488044 ¢	\$13,080.10
Global Adjustment: 877,668.9186 kWh @ 12.271000 ¢	\$107,698.75
Delivery	\$12,598.38
Regulatory Charges	\$5,266.27
Customer supplied transformation allowance @ \$ 0.60 /kW	\$888.15 CR
Debt Retirement Charge	\$5,815.68
HST (87088-5821-RT0001)	\$18,661.63
Total of your electricity charges	\$162,212.66

Part of the company's bill. (SUPPLIED)