



March 24, 2020

Honourable Minister Greg Rickford  
Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines  
Whitney Block  
Room 5630, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
99 Wellesly Street West  
Toronto, ON M7A 1W1  
Email: greg.rickford@pc.ola.org

Re: Time of Use Billing

Dear Minister Rickford,

During these unprecedented times with thousands of Ontarians unable to work due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the financial difficulties facing families and municipalities is immense. On behalf of those who are and will be struggling to provide for their families, the Council of the Town of Essex discussed the cost of energy and specifically the "time of use" billing. With many families quarantined at home their energy costs will sky rocket, and with funds already scarce it will create a great hardship for them. With that in mind the Council of the Town of Essex passed the following resolution respectfully requesting that the electricity rates be adjusted to aid Ontarians at this time,

Moved by Councillor Verbeek  
Seconded by Councillor Bondy

(SP20-03-010) That Council send a letter to the Minister of Energy, Greg Rickford, to suspend "time of use" billing during the quarantine period as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and;

That this letter be sent to the Ontario Energy Board, the Premier, and our local member of parliament Taras Natyshak and all Ontario Municipalities.

**Carried**

Thanking you for your attention to this matter,



Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Auger".

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