



Rick Nicholls, MPP

Chatham-Kent-Essex

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Petition to Reduce Energy Rates

To the Legislative Assembly of Ontario:

WHEREAS, electricity rates have risen by more than 300% since the current Liberal Government took office; and

WHEREAS, over half of Ontarians' power bills are regulatory and delivery charges and the Global Adjustment; and

WHEREAS, the Global Adjustment is a tangible measure of how much Ontario must over-pay for unneeded wind and solar power, and the cost of off-loading excess power to our neighbours at a loss; and

WHEREAS, the market rate for electricity, according to IESO data, has been less than 3 cents per kWh to date in 2016, yet the Liberal Government's lack of responsible science-based planning has not allowed these reductions to be passed on to Ontarians, resulting in electrical bills several times more than that amount; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of Cap-and-Trade will drive the cost of electricity even higher and deny Ontarians the option to choose affordable natural gas heating; and

WHEREAS, more and more Ontarians are being forced to cut down on essential expenses such as food and medicines in order to pay their increasingly unaffordable electricity bills; and

WHEREAS, the ill-conceived energy policies of this Liberal government that ignored the advice of independent experts and government agencies, such as the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) and the Independent Electrical System Operator (IESO) and are not based on science have resulted in Ontarians' electricity costs rising, despite lower natural gas costs and increased energy conservation in the Province;

THEREFORE, we the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to take immediate steps to reduce the total cost of electricity paid for by Ontarians, including costs associated with the power consumed, the Global Adjustment, delivery charges, administrative charges, tax and any other charges added to Ontarians energy bills.

Name:	Address:	Email:	Signature:

**Please mail (do not fax) the original signed petition (no copies) to:
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