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Subject: EB-2016-0081 Comments

Dear Ms. Walli

I would appreciate sharing my comments regarding the most recent Electricity Rate application (EB-2016-0081) submitted to the Ontario Energy Board by Hydro One Networks Inc. dated November 18, 2016.

My primary concern with this rate application is the continued unfair treatment of the Seasonal Class of customer and the associated distribution rates approved by the OEB, and levied by Hydro One Networks. As I'm sure you are aware there is a long history regarding the elimination of the Seasonal class of customer, and for many reasons that remain unclear this issue continues to get swept under the carpet by the OEB to the delight of Hydro One. Well now is your opportunity to make good on some previous well thought out directives to Hydro One that were never implemented.

In the very sophisticated world we live in today, it is hard to imagine that the organization that is charged with the task to protect the public from predatory pricing practices (The OEB) would continue to allow Hydro One to discriminate one particular rate class of customer, because in their mind many customers deemed Seasonal do not use enough power to suite their financial model. All the while they continue to drill into our heads, the plethora of energy conservation tips in order to make electricity affordable for us, but then turn around and penalize us because many don't use enough power. This practice certainly goes against the grain of all the conservation, and climate change theories our various levels of Governments are force feeding every single day.

Well my situation is not one of turning off my power for the 4 months I am not at my seasonal residence. In order to keep my electricity rates affordable, I have invested in programmable thermostats, LED lighting throughout, using the Outdoor Grill in the summer and winter, and keeping the temperature to the absolute minimum in the winter months to conserve energy. And after undertaking a great deal of cost to implement all of these energy saving strategies, how does the OEB and Hydro One reward me, they invoice me \$ 274.00 dollars for \$ 68.00 worth of electricity used. Just think about this for a minute, the invoice is 75 percent delivery and taxes, and 25 percent consumed product and next door to me 100 feet away, a relative who is in the R1 class costs are 40 % less than mine. This is insanity, and it needs to be addressed.

Also when you look at the current proposal to move to a flat rate distribution model, again the Seasonal Customer is disproportionately treated in terms of how the flat rate will be implemented over the

number of years set out by the OEB. After 2 years of implementation by Hydro One it is evident the volumetric rate will never be eliminated by the end of the period under the current metrics being applied and one can only assume some sort of creative accounting will occur at the end of the transition period. Again the Seasonal Customer is being treated less fairly than other rate classes.

Now this brings us to the current rate application EB-2016-0081. Please look and digest the distribution rate reductions of the various classes of services, and note how the Seasonal Rate Class is again under attack. The .3% pales in comparison to all the other rate classes, and in Hydro One's own arrogant way, no explanation, no metrics to support the data, just suck it up and go away Mr. Customer. Well I'm not going away, and I am asking for your help Ms. Walli to finally address this issue and make it consistent with all of the rate classes.

Under this current application you have a huge opportunity to make the festering problem go away once and for all, I implore you to take these comments seriously and do the right thing as outlined in your mandate as Board Secretary of the Ontario Energy Board.

Sincerely

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