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First of all I would like to thank the Government for efforts to provide us as Ontarians - and my family in particular - with rate relief for our electricity in the run up to the coming elections - much appreciated and deeply understood within the political process of renewing mandates.

All coins have two sides. I own a home near Elgin ON on Sand Lake. I have gone out of my way to minimize the amount of electricity we use because it is generally more expensive than alternatives (the propane that I have installed, for example). My home, regardless of occupancy, has had its rate increased as a "cottage" category residence. Again, regardless of my residency and based on a low consumption rate for electricity, a new rate has been implemented. My address is Lot 12, Concession 7, Township of South Crosby ON K0G 1E0. I would like to have the billing rate for my home changed to reflect our residential reality.

Beyond this, I note as well that Hydro One has made application to the OEB to increase distribution rates increased and to increase service charges on various services (disconnections, removal of load limiters, account collections, and access to poles) increased as well. This increase of rates rather nicely nullifies any financial return that the Government's rate relief would give our family. It also ignores the fact that, for years, my family has paid taxes to cover infrastructure costs (and the poor management practices of past Ontario Governments, regardless of Party). I find it blatantly unfair that, at this juncture, we be asked to pay additional costs for infrastructure and services that we have long since underwritten.

Please do not let the OEB application for rate increases as noted above proceed. It makes a mockery of the public stance of the Government in support of the many Ontarians like my family who struggle with increasing costs of electricity and, frankly, are being forced to look for alternative means of heating our homes and cooking our food.

Yours,

Mike Miles

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