

April 22, 2019

Via E-Mail

Ms. Kirsten Walli

Board Secretary

Ontario Energy Board

2300 Yonge St.

Toronto, Ont.

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Dear Ms. Walli,

Re: EB-2017-0049 Hydro One Distribution – Draft Rate Order

We are submitting herein the comments of Balsam Lake Coalition (BLC).

There appears to be no evidence filed by Hydro One to support the proposed 2019 tariff of \$40.17 fixed & \$0.074 kwh variable, for Seasonal customers. Hydro One states (DRO page 25) “Hydro One is implementing the transition to all-fixed residential rates using the methodology in the OEB’s RRWF. The calculation of the fixed rates is provided in Exhibit 4.2”. Exhibit 4.2, RRWF page 7 of 8, provides the 2019 final adjusted base rate for Seasonal as \$41.84 fixed & \$0.0603 kwh variable. At the bottom of the page is the statement “proposed mitigated 2019 seasonal rates are shown in Exhibit 4.0 rate design”. Exhibit 4.0, page 2 of 3, shows 2019 Seasonal rates as \$39.04 fixed & \$0.069 kwh variable. BLC is unable to find any connection between the 2019 Seasonal rates included in Exhibit 4.0, which appear to reflect Hydro One’s proposal to limit the increase in the current fixed charge to \$2.29, and the rates included in the Tariff for 2019 for Seasonal customers, which reflect a fixed charge of \$40.17, which charge does not appear connected to calculations in either Exhibit 4.2 or Exhibit 4.0.

Accordingly, in BLC’s view, the methodology employed by Hydro One to establish the proposed Seasonal 2019 tariff rates is unclear & therefore clarification would be in order.

Sincerely,

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