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Subject: Letter of Comment - [REDACTED]

The Ontario Energy Board

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James Fairhead

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-- Comments --

Hello. This email is provided to demonstrate the actual premium I have been paying as a SEASONAL RATE CLASS as opposed to being classified as "R2 .

Taking my last 12 months of Seasonal Rate Class billing and using the calculator provided by the OEB to recalculate the energy usage at R2 RESIDENTIAL. As on can see, the OEB calculation is very close to the actual bill so I am satisfied that the calculator accurately reflects the billing algorithms.

<https://www.oeb.ca/consumer-protection/energy-contracts/bill-calculator>

The following is based on my last 12 months of billings:

SEPTEMBER 2018 (3 months billing)

consumption = 3,282 kWh
actual bill = \$678

OEB calculator at SEASONAL = \$668
OEB calculator at R2 RESIDENTIAL = \$418

SEASONAL PREMIUM OVER R2 RESIDENTIAL = +\$250 (+37%)

DECEMBER 2018 (3 months billing)

consumption = 10,060 kWh
actual bill = \$1,884

OEB calculator at SEASONAL = \$1,960
OEB calculator at R2 RESIDENTIAL = \$1200

SEASONAL PREMIUM OVER R2 RESIDENTIAL = +760 (+39%)

MARCH 2019 (3 months billing)

consumption = 17,106 kWh
actual bill = \$3,130

OEB calculator at SEASONAL = \$3,304
OEB calculator at R2 RESIDENTIAL = \$2,102

SEASONAL PREMIUM OVER R2 RESIDENTIAL = +\$1,202 (+36%)

JUNE 2019 (3 months billing)

consumption = 5,784 kWh
actual bill = \$1,125

OEB calculator at SEASONAL = \$1,145
OEB calculator at R2 RESIDENTIAL = \$706

SEASONAL PREMIUM OVER R2 RESIDENTIAL = +\$439 (+38%) GRAND TOTAL 2018/2019 (12 MONTHS)

consumption = 36,232 kWh
actual bill = \$6,817

OEB calculator at SEASONAL = \$7,077
OEB calculator at R2 RESIDENTIAL = \$4,426

SEASONAL PREMIUM OVER R2 RESIDENTIAL = +\$2,651 (+37%) [for 12 months]

Using the OEB calculator on a per bill basis for 12 months (4 bills) at SEASONAL RATES compared to R2 RESIDENTIAL RATES, I am paying a premium at my property of \$2,651 annually or 37%. That is using an electric furnace backed by an electric heat pump and heating my cottage to 60F when I am not there and 72F when I am.

I have also converted every light inside and out to the most efficient LEDs in order to do my fair share to reduce power consumption in addition to setting back my thermostat.

I believe it is reasonable for me to pay for the fair value of whatever hydro plant is required to provide service to me....

However, it is unfair for me to have to subsidize every SEASONAL RATE CLASS Hydro One subscriber who turns their power off for the winter and doesn't pay anything for the poles, transformers, lines etc that still need to be maintained whether they use their power or not. Simply not fair and completely inequitable especially when I am paying a high premium of +\$2,651 (+37%) annually to help them out.

No one wants to pay more for hydro - that is understood. However, paying one's fair share is simply the right thing to do so I support any billing plan that is based on recovery of the actual costs incurred for the services I enjoy and rely on.

sincerely,

James Fairhead