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In an article by the Independent Free Press on June 12, 2017, an Ontario Government spokesperson confirmed in addition to the 17 per cent rate cut through the Fair Hydro Act, seasonal residents will also not be eligible for the Rural and Remote Rate Protection (RRRP) program. "The majority of customers that receive RRRP are full-time residential customers living in low-density rural areas of the province served by Hydro One Networks in the

R2 rate class. Seasonal class customers, such as cottagers, who do not reside full-time at the service address who are served by Hydro One Networks, are not eligible to receive RRRP," said the province.

See <https://www.theifp.ca/news-story/7368013-no-hydro-discounts-for-cottagers-and-seasonal-residents-province/>

In spite of the submissions with respect to OEB file number, EB-2019-0234 by various cottage organizations including among others, the Federation of Ontario Cottagers Association, the Georgian Bay Association and the Lake of the Bays Association who recommend the continuation of Hydro One's Seasonal classification, I submit that if all Seasonal customers are reclassified to either Urban, Medium Density (R1) or Low Density (R2) classification then their Hydro bills will be reduced by 30% or more PROVIDED these reclassified customers are afforded the same DISTRIBUTION RATE PROTECTION as permanent residence R1 and R2 customers as outlined in the OEB DECISION AND ORDER, EB-2019-0158. If reclassified customers are not afforded the same distribution rate protection as their permanent neighbors then I submit that such a decision would be an unfair and discriminatory ruling by the Ontario Energy Board.

The attached PDF Document "Comparison of Hydro One Urban, Medium, Low and Seasonal Classification" is a cost comparison of what each classification would pay for 500 kWh, 700 kWh and

1000 kWh metered usage based on current rates. Page 4 of the document demonstrates that seasonal customers are charged more than 30% above their permanent residence neighbors. Beyond any doubt, this is ample justification for eliminating the Hydro One Seasonal classification.

-- Attachment --

<https://www.oeb.ca/sites/default/files/uploads/comment-form/Comparison%20of%20Hydro%20One%20Urban%2C%20Medium%2C%20Low%20and%20Seasonal%20Classifications%20Oct%2005%2C%202020.pdf>