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To: BoardSec <BoardSec@oeb.ca>
Subject: Seasonal Rate Change

I'm formally writing to complain about the ending of the seasonal rate plan for Cottages in Ontario. I'm shocked and appalled you would make this change now during covid when so many people are struggling. We bought a place in Barrow Bay before covid hit and put the mortgage on our own house. Reasons included my father who was born there is dying of bone cancer and we could handle it at the time. During this time, we tried to reduce our bills as much as we could. Six months of the year, the power switch there is literally SHUT OFF. Now I hear OEB has decided that you will charge an extra 60-70 dollars a month for the time when the power isn't even on. So you will literally do nothing extra for this service that isn't being used, you have just unilaterally decided that your doing absolutely nothing deserves 60-70 dollars extra a month. I wish we as citizens had the same power to just say to our jobs, "We'll do nothing extra, in fact, we'll do nothing at all but we will demand 60-70 dollars extra per month for not even showing up. We'll just call it a delivery fee though nothing is being delivered." I understand the power lines still need maintenance during this time but you maybe should think about raising it gradually so it isn't a huge shock to people. Do you see how ridiculous this is? I'll tell you what it is, people in your positions are so well paid that you don't even understand what it's like to struggle all your life then have the possibility of losing everything you worked for because of decisions made by people in board rooms who are so incredibly out of touch with the reality of the common people. Try to think about the fact that if people lose their homes because of your decisions, their families have nowhere to go and its getting cold out. Honestly, I really think you'll barely read this or consider it because its an email. Which is why, I will need to reach out to newspapers, online blogs, facebook, personally contact everyone in cottage country with flyers to let people know whats being snuck past. I think you probably think cottagers have a lot of disposable income, but we don't. A lot of us are hanging on by a thread, retirees, people out of work, but Hydro 1 is reporting a 1.1 billion Q2 profit. There is a point at which you bleed all your customers dry and it doesn't benefit your company. Its about balancing your profits with sustainability for a future for everyone. Doug Ford had even promised us all a 12 percent reduction in hydro rates, yet hydro rates have increased while hydro use has declined significantly. Its just another case of corporate greed, and I don't know how your conscience lets you do this. I don't even consider myself a political person but I'm sure a lot of people will become awakened as the injustice personally affects them. Please don't think we will all lay down and not fight these changes.

