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Subject: Seasonal Class Elimination Case EB-2020-0246

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First off I am completely dismayed that all the historical data related to the Seasonal Rate Class issues as documented by hundreds of property owners has been removed from the OEB site. Case EB-2016-0315/EB-2019-0234 has seemed to have disappeared and the only related information I can find is the current proceeding EB-2020-0246. Why would the OEB not add this information to the current case as many stakeholders have voiced their opinion on this contentious issue due to the high stakes of the situation and it would appear the OEB is not recognizing the financial burden Hydro One has placed on Seasonal Property owners for years?

That being said as a Seasonal Property Owner our dilemma continues. While the OEB has belabored this issue for years, and in all likelihood this will be the case for some time to come, recent changes to distribution rates by Hydro One continue to persecute seasonal property owners to the benefit of Hydro One's bottom line.

The following information posted by Hydro One would lead one to believe they are doing everyone a huge favour in how they have managed to help the consumer with some significant reductions in costs. But review of the attached chart issues by Hydro One demonstrates they have no intent of giving the Seasonal Class the same order of reductions as other classes. Look all the debates have been had regarding the usage issue in off season, or the cost of maintenance of infrastructure, and unfortunately that detail has been removed from the OEB site. But one does not have to be a mathematician to recognise the attached chart from the Hydro One customer account site unfairly treats, and actually discriminates against the Seasonal Class for their own financial gain.

Rate Class	Monthly Use (kWh)	Monthly Peak (kW)	Change in Total Bill (\$)	Change in Total Bill (%)
Residential - Urban Density	750	-	-\$16.95	-13.4%
Residential - Medium Density ^a	750	-	-\$17.27	-13.5%
Residential - Low Density ^{a,2}	750	-	-\$19.06	-14.7%
Residential - Seasonal	350	-	-\$4.47	-4.5%
General Service – Energy	2,000	-	-\$41.21	-10.6%
General Service – Urban Energy	2,000	-	-\$46.09	-14.2%
General Service – Demand ^b	36,000	125	-\$601.25	-7.1%
General Service – Urban Demand ^b	51,000	135	-\$764.95	-7.9%

Please I need someone in the OEB to explain to me how a disparity in the reduction can be so great between the Seasonal Class and the other Rate Groups. All this information has been fleshed out in the missing case EB-2016-0315/EB-2015-0079, yet Hydro One continues to take advantage, and the OEB would seem to be standing by with either no authorization, or obligation to question such an outrageous treatment of a select rate group.

Personally I am very disappointed that after all the time and effort spent on this issue this would be allowed to occur.

I would please ask the Ontario Energy Board to place a little urgency on this issue and not let this dwell for another 5 or 6 years.

Many Thank

Terry