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From: ALLAN MACLEAN <[REDACTED]>
To: Thompson, Lisa <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021, 10:46:32 a.m. EST
Subject: Re: I oppose the elimination of the Ontario Seasonal Rate Class for electricity

Ms Thompson,,

Although I understand the idea behind a fair rate schedule for all hydro users, I really do not understand why my residence is classified R2 and includes a 54% rate increase while my neighbours who live there year round are classified R1 and will see a -5.48 % drop in prices. I still use hydro year round as my cottage is winterized and it seems grossly unfair to expect such a rate increase.

If you can explain that to me I would greatly appreciate it

Al MacLean

On Tuesday, March 2, 2021, 10:20:58 a.m. EST, Thompson, Lisa <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hello Allan:

Thank you for your email regarding the elimination of the Ontario Seasonal Rate Class for electricity.

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) has decided to eliminate Hydro One's seasonal rate class.

The OEB decision contends that density-based rates are the most accurate and fair means of splitting distribution costs between consumers. This approach seeks to end the subsidization of some customers by the broader customer base. This decision means that all residences in Hydro One territory will be classified based on density, rather than whether they are a year-round primary residence or a seasonal second property.

On October 15, 2020, Hydro One submitted a rate mitigation plan to the OEB proposing, among other things, to hold year-over-year bill increases to 10% and to eliminate the seasonal class as of January 1, 2022. The rate mitigation plan will require approval by the OEB, likely through a hearing process. The rates will not change until the OEB approves Hydro One's mitigation plan. As the independent regulator of Ontario's electricity system, the OEB has expertise in rate making and policies in place to ensure appropriate rate mitigation strategies.

While the government understands the concerns from Ontarians that would be affected by this decision, the OEB has asked Hydro One for options that would allow any potential changes to consumer's bills to occur over a gradual time period. We will monitor this decision as we continue to modernize the OEB to strengthen trust and transparency in Ontario's energy sector and improve regulatory processes for the benefit of provincial ratepayers.

We remain committed to ensuring a fair and affordable electricity system for all Ontarians and are confident that the OEB and Hydro One will continue to work to protect the interests of consumers in Ontario.

You may wish to contact the Ontario Energy Board Customer Relations:

By phone
[REDACTED]

Email - Consumer
ConsumerRelations@oeb.ca

Web chat also available:
<https://www.oeb.ca/consumer-protection/make-complaint>

Again, thankyou for sharing your thoughts and concerns.

Sincerely,

The Office of Lisa Thompson, MPP
Huron-Bruce

Subject: I oppose the elimination of the Ontario Seasonal Rate Class for electricity

Dear Lisa M. Thompson MPP,

As a property owner and your constituent, I am asking you to stop the impending rise in our hydro bills!

My family has a seasonal residence in your riding, and this is a voting issue for me.

The Ontario Energy Board is trying to DOUBLE electricity rates by eliminating the Seasonal Rate Class. This means an additional \$54 a month in fees for nearly 80,000 seasonal Hydro One customers and cottage owners like me.

That's a cost that we can't bear. Your government promised to keep our energy costs in check.

In addition to electricity costs, rural homeowners already shoulder 90% of the property tax burden in some rural municipalities! Waterfront property owners represent a significant proportion of many rural communities, and support local economic activity through our taxes, local purchases, volunteerism and other forms of community leadership.

This year, more than ever before, we need to come together and bolster our rural communities to help them recover from the impacts of COVID-19.

Please ask Minister Rickford to stop the OEB from doubling our electricity rates.

I am counting on you to help stop this unfair decision.

I look forward to hearing back from you.

Yours sincerely,
Allan MacLean

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