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The Ontario Energy Board

-- Comment date --
2021-02-12

-- Case Number --
EB-2020-0246, EB-2019-0234, EB-2016-0315

-- Name --
Peter Young

-- Phone --
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-- Company --

-- Address --
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-- Comments --
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To the OEB -

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments regarding Hydro One Network Inc.'s intention to eliminate Seasonal Rate Class (EB-2020-0246).

My (late) wife and I purchased a small cabin on the above property in 1988, and always appreciated the convenience of hydro. There was, and never has been running water. It is a structure erected on cinder blocks. Winter access is not possible by traditional road vehicles (car or truck).

Over the years Hydro One has cleared brush occasionally from their area where the poles are situated. I am not aware of significant upgrades to the grid, however some changes likely have been implemented over time. I do appreciate the notification of pending maintenance or hydro outages when they are scheduled or occur.

Over the years hydro equipment does require upgrades, maintenance and servicing and I realize that the costs of this process continue to rise. I also understand that an occasional fair, equitable and reasonable increase in rates is

necessary to enable all residents - seasonal and permanent - to enjoy the reliable electrical supply that is delivered to our dwellings.

Based on my monthly average consumption of 19.18 kWh (for 2020) the proposed Elimination of the Seasonal Class would effectively increase my own rate from a monthly average of \$40.76 to \$99.44, according to the chart enclosed with Hydro One's letter dated February 8, 2021. This is based on your various percentages, dollar amount, under the new "Seasonal Customer Moving to Residential Low Density (R2) Class." The extra charges of \$58.68 per month on top of the current amount is an increase of 144%. (The annual cost will rise approximately from \$500 to \$1200.)

This is NOT fair, equitable or reasonable. This is a financial wallop to your customers. The cabin is not a "luxury" second home, owned by a wealthy city dweller. This cabin, and other structures in the area, are very modest.

I would like to register my very strong protest to your plan which places an extremely high, unfair significant additional cost to access hydro. I feel that an increase of up to 30 or 35 percent, phased in over a period of time would be in line under the principle of fairness. It does not fall under your stated goal in your letter which says, "The OEB's goal is to promote a financially viable and efficient energy sector that provides you with reliable energy services at a reasonable cost." An increase of 144 percent is NOT "reasonable."

Thank you very much.
Peter Young

-- Attachment --