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The Ontario Energy Board

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-- Comments --

I have a water access property in a Seasonal Customer area that is proposed to move to a Residential Low Density Class. I bought it 30 years ago, at a low price I could afford. Over the years we have been very careful of our electricity use, it is now less than 350 kWh a month. Our thinking was that society needed to consider all the effects of wasting energy and the impact on our environment, and we had to consider the cost associated for our small cottage.

This increase we are about to experience will raise my monthly bill by \$54 a month. A larger, bigger consumer (I am picturing wealthy people in million dollar cottages) who use a lot more electricity, 1,000 kWh a month will pay only \$1.13 more per month than I will. It seems to me that this is unfair. It feels like there is no reward for lowering our consumption, and bigger users are being rewarded with lower costs.

Now that I am retired, and living on our CPP and OAS income, my partner and I live full time from June to November at this property. When I called Hydro one and discussed this with a staff member, they said that even though the increase was substantial, I could take comfort in the fact that since cottages are not used during the week, our consumption costs would be lower anyway. (?) Many people are choosing to spend as much time as possible at their traditional cottage properties. As they age and have more time to spend away from the city, as they move out of the city for greater lengths of time because of COVID concerns, and because many people can now work at their property location. It is wrong to think every cottager with low consumption of electricity can afford to shoulder the costs for everyone else. This inequality, and rate increases in excess of what bigger consumers pay doesn't make sense to me. I hope you will reconsider this proposal EB-2020-0246, and make it fair to people living middle class lives, and middle class incomes in Ontario.

Thank you, Frank Chester

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