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The Ontario Energy Board

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2021-02-23

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-- Name --  
Bruce Meacock

-- Phone --  
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-- Address --  
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-- Comments --

To whom it may concern:

As someone who lives in what is deemed a “Seasonal” residence in Haliburton, Ontario, I will see my electricity rates increase from anywhere between 28% to 100% under the proposed move from Seasonal to Residential Low Density. 28 to 100 percent!! Our property is heated with electric baseboard heaters, and given the nature of the structure (and many, many others in the region), I cannot easily nor cost effectively heat it any other way. And yet, this increase is encouraging me to actively consider switching to fossil fuel heating. The world is pushing to move OFF fossil fuels and yet this plan is making the electric option more expensive than ever. To simply expect everyone to fall in line and accept this is incredibly arrogant. In maintaining my well-insulated home at 20C, I am seeing electric bills in the winter well in excess of \$1,000 a month. I could move to heating oil or propane for a fraction of that. NO OTHER BUSINESS has the audacity to increase rates anywhere near the levels being proposed. In fact, in keeping with the times, businesses are lowering the cost of their services – not increasing them. Unfortunately, the power of a monopoly enables this.

“Protecting” me from having a large bill increase at one time by phasing in the increase over a number of years is not the answer. Rethinking this change and, in fact, reducing the cost of electricity should be the priority. Thank you.

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