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Because your web site page did not function as I expected I am resending this message. My intention is to send only one copy so if you have already received this please disregard.

I am opposed to allowing Hydro One to eliminate the Seasonal Rate Class for the following reasons:

1. Seasonal residents are primarily "cottagers" who own property, pay taxes and perform normal property maintenance responsibilities all year but only use their properties during the summer months and perhaps then only on weekends.
2. Many seasonal residents, such as myself, own property on islands which are not accessible during winter months and must by default leave such properties vacant and unused during that time. We should not be penalized by being charged at a rate that would more sensibly suit full time residents when we cannot use our property because of the seasonal weather. A seasonal rate recognizes this and makes the system fairer.
3. Hydro One was contracted and compensated for providing the infrastructure and service to seasonal residents over the years thereby creating a more robust and dependable hardware to service not only those residents but the permanent residents and businesses in the Townships. Permanent residents and business should be expected to contribute more to these costs through a higher consumption rate because that is more in line with the benefits they receive.
4. Permanent residents and businesses have undoubtedly benefited from this expansion and improvement of service and infrastructure. Hydro One has probably increased its internal support processes including offices and staffing over the years to accomplish this additional business. It is time to ask Hydro One to examine its own internal productivity and find additional cost savings instead of just becoming a bigger and more expensive service provider by granting a defacto price increase .

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