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The Ontario Energy Board

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2021-02-24

-- Case Number --  
EB-2020-0246

-- Name --  
Bert Campbell

-- Phone --  
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-- Comments --  
Re: EB-2020-0246; please see letter attached.

Your consideration of my concerns will be appreciated.

Regards. Bert Campbell

-- Attachment --  
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February 24, 2021



Ontario Energy Board  
2300 Yonge St,  
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Re: File EB-2020-0246

As a consumer of Hydro One's power supply, I am writing, as a retiree on a fixed income, to express concern about the effects of the Elimination of the Seasonal Rate Class on our electricity rates and costs for our modest cottage of less than 700 square feet, located on a private road in Madawaska Valley Township.

The Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association are advising the costs will double what they are on the Seasonal Rate Class which is of great concern. The current charges are of concern already. In 2020, our charges for the electricity portion of Hydro One's Invoices (received every 3 months) totaled \$368.20, while the delivery charges totaled \$804.17 (in 1 three month period of 0 electricity charges, the delivery charge was \$133.21). While the rebates softened the effects of the total invoices by \$378.44, these will disappear at some point. How these delivery charges can be interpreted to be less than the fair amount to deliver the service to us is hard to understand. As well, the high level of delivery charges, regardless of electricity use, remove most of the incentive for conservation of electricity consumption at a seasonal use location.

I received the Notice about the OEB's hearing to consider the next steps in eliminating the seasonal rate class. The letter stated that Hydro One anticipates we will move into the "residential low density (R2) class". What are the criteria for placing us in that class? We have 17 customers on our short road of less than 1.7 kms and are quite near a large number of customers on the other side of Carson Lake. The letter also contains estimated impacts on our monthly charges which is also hard to understand. Our current invoices are received every 3 months.

I urge the OEB to consider the current high level of charges for electrical service by Hydro One, which have been somewhat hidden due to the mitigation caused by Covid 19, to the Seasonal Rate Class customers when making decisions that will increase the amount of these charges to an even more unreasonable high level, including the method and criteria used to determine the new rate classes for these Hydro One customers.

Yours truly;

Bert Campbell