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I am responding to a Hydro One notice of Feb 8/21 received, of a planned proposal to the OEB in Mar 2021 eliminating the "seasonal" status on my Hydro One billing for my seasonal residence in Barry's Bay On. converting to a R2 status.

I have been a resident of Peterborough since 1980 and a seasonal resident in the Barry's Bay area since 1976. During our summers we have catered to local businesses whenever possible over these years (including former Yakabuski Hardware) . Our Hydro usage at our cottage for the past 10 years averaged 830 Kwh/ year, costing \$450/ year of which 84% is delivery (not usage).

Under the new proposal announced in the Feb 8/21 notice, seasonal status is to be eliminated, converting our class to residential low density (R2).

As a result , by the proposed formula, this would increase our annual expense to \$1368, up from \$450 (+ 200%)

This is an irresponsible cash grab on the backs of seasonal (part time) residences that cannot be justified other than to offset corporate inefficiencies and enhance profiteering to shareholders. These price gauging exercises need to be stopped. Our particular cottage road is made up of both seasonal and full time residences such that the energy supply has been stable, reliable and supported. Your erroneous justification for this change is infrastructure. Further your pricing strategy also does not support responsible usage in that with the installation of "smart meters" our usage billings represent only 16% of our annual cost thanks to our former Liberal government.

As a result, we urge the OEB to reject this irresponsible and unprofessional proposal and honour and respect Premier Doug Ford's vow to keep his election promise of reducing our hydro rates by 12% as announced Mar 6/2020 (The Canadian Press) A copy of this letter has been sent to :
Hon. John Yakabuski MPP Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke Mr Dave Smith MPP Peterborough (Parliamentary Asst

to Minister of Energy Rick Casement