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My family and I have a cottage in rural Ontario used only in the summer months. Having received the notice from HYDRO ONE, I am horrified to see that my electricity rates will double under the new plan. Also disturbing is the fact that people living in rural areas (farmers, etc) will be penalized much more than urban dwellers. The cost of electricity for urban dwellers will go down and the cost for people like me will increase by more than 100%!

It is unjust to expect the people in rural Ontario to shoulder such a significant part of the rate increase. Has the board/hydro ONE considered and compared the average incomes of inhabitants in rural areas of Ontario versus inhabitants of cities and suburbs? Maybe the real estate tax rates of the inhabitants in the different areas should be taken into account. This situation is particularly unfair because we do not have a choice of supplier for electricity. If the rates are going to increase by such a significant amount, then there should be options presented for other ways to obtain electricity. Averaging the increase out over a number of years will not make it any easier for those who already find the bills overly high. Please take this letter into serious consideration and consider developing a different plan for the people whose use is particularly low or who clearly are struggling to pay the current bills.

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