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The Ontario Energy Board

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Susan Laberge

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-- Comments --

I have received a letter from Hydro One dated February 16, 2021 regarding my seasonal cottage rates. My small cottage is used only in the summer, is not winterized, and the main hydro panel is shut off for 6 months each year. With the change to eliminate Seasonal Class rate, my property will be classed as R2 Residential. The hydro usage at the cottage averages 150 kWh/month (taking into consideration that the winter months are zero and the summer months can be up to 320 kWh). In 2020 the average electricity charge was \$18.75/month (150 kWh/month) and the average delivery charge was \$60.00/month. After the Ontario Rebate the total annual charges were \$777.

Your table showing the expected change to my cottage hydro bill indicates that my charges will double when the Seasonal Class rate is eliminated. I understand that rural rates are higher than urban rates, but my cottage is on a subdivision street with 48 homes and cottages (approx. 80 ft. lots) and my neighbours who are classed as permanent residents (many of whom also leave in the winter months) receive a monthly grant to subsidize their hydro bill but that this is not available to seasonal customers.

When seasonal residents are continuing to also pay delivery charges all year round, these new hydro rates are totally unfair and will be unmanageable for many of us. Our cottage hydro charges were already high and I am asking that you don't increase our rates but consider a reasonable plan, that is fair for all of us.

-- Attachment --