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## **COMMENTS** OEB File EB-2020-0246

As Ontario lurches from contradictory decision to contradictory decision, the provincial hydro crisis continues to deepen. With the Ontario Energy Board's decision to eliminate the Seasonal Rate Class, it's obvious that we are still rudderless without any realistic plan.

What's fair about eliminating the seasonal hydro rates of rural property owners while it's still somehow appropriate to maintain the boondoggle of generating vast amounts of surplus power and selling it at a deep discount to the U.S.A. at a cost to everyone in Ontario of hundreds and hundreds of millions of dollars a year?

What's needed is the OEB's active and visible support for:

- a long-term energy plan every three years Regulation 355/17 was quietly revoked last November, thus removing the timing requirements for releasing Ontario's next long term energy plan;
- energy innovation including renewable energy, energy storage, distributed energy resources – Ontario is at a standstill – an energy innovation wasteland;
- a comprehensive public review of electricity options before proceeding with any further nuclear refurbishments including additional renewables (costs have dropped significantly) + distributed energy resources + hydro imports from Quebec + efficiency;
- energy efficiency including the creation of an organization to develop and report on a province-wide strategy;

- a transparent evidence-based process for electricity system planning subject to public and regulatory oversight.

Best wishes for health and happiness in 2021.

Sincerely,

Neil Carleton

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