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Unfair Rate Increase for Seasonal Customers that are moving to R2 Class The proposed rate increase for seasonal customers moving to R2 Class severely penalized those true seasonal customers who only use the residence during the summer season (i.e. May to October – 6 months). I have a non-winterized cottage in Bala, Ontario and only use the cottage for 6 months of the year.

The rest of the year the power is turned off. For those 6 months my energy costs will go up 112%.

This makes no sense, it is not fair and your are penalizing the users who are low energy users.

-Ontario Hydro and the government are encouraging people to conserve energy.

This proposal is encouraging me to use more energy. Why would I turn my power off to conserve energy if Ontario Hydro is charging me 112% more?

-We do not use electricity for 6 months. There should be no increase in monthly charges if a customer has zero consumption. The customer does not care if electricity is delivered to the residence during these months. We are not putting any strain on the energy grid.

-As a seasonal customer I do not receive the same service levels as urban customers. My area averages about 8 outages a year. My urban residence on average only has 1 outage a year. Why should my rates go up if I don't receive the same service?

-Seasonal customers who have a high monthly consumption are seeing an increase of only 20%. Seasonal customers who only use the residence for only

6 months will have an increase of about 60%. This large difference in increase is unfairly penalizing low consumers of electricity which is contrary to the conservation of energy that Ontario Hydro and the Ontario government are encouraging the public to do.

I recommend that customers who have zero consumption for a month, have a zero increase in rates.

Sincerely,

Gary and Catherine Sampson

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