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To: <u>ConsumerRelations@ontarioenergyboard.ca</u> <<u>PublicInformation@oeb.ca</u>> **Subject:** Application EB-2020-0246

Regarding application EB-2020-0246

It is completely understandable that your proposed elimination of the seasonal rate class (EB-2020-0246) has created a panic for so many of your hydro clients who are retirees on a fixed income, and are being faced with a potential need to sell their properties, due to this exorbitant and unfair increase.

You should also realize that the next generation who would have been recipients of deed transfers for their parents' seasonal properties will now also be having to seriously consider the feasibility of taking on such an unmanageable increase in hydro cost, while trying to afford their own daily living expenses.

What will happen when a large percentage of hydro customers are forced to sell and these seasonal properties will become unaffordable to others, not only because of the inflated real estate value, but also because of the absurd hydro rates?

Another valid factor is that this younger generation I speak of will have substantially less vacation time to spend at their seasonal residence, and will therefore fall into the lowest usage and most expensive hydro cost, according to your proposal.

Your idea of what will work and the reality of the expense that people face are on completely opposite ends of the spectrum.

Your consideration is absolutely required concerning this proposal to eliminate the seasonal class.