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Subject: OEB's Decision to Eliminate Hydro One's seasonal rate class
(EB-2020-0246)

My wife and I have owned a cottage on Whitestone Lake near Dunchurch since 2005 and are appalled to learn of the above decision which is expected to drastically increase our monthly electricity bill (by as much as 100%) as outlined in Hydro One's letter dated February 16, 2021.

In reviewing our electricity bills over the past 3 years I have found that because we are a seasonal customer with low energy use, our delivery charges are already outlandish when compared to the electricity charges: 78% of our total bill for 2018 and 2019 and 92% in 2020. It does not appear fair or reasonable to further skew the delivery cost by raising it even higher. To put this in perspective, our current electricity cost per year for approximately only 1800 kWhs is already nearing half of our property taxes (even with the Ontario Electricity Rebate of 21.2%)

Our concern is that continuing in this direction will make it impossible for families to continue to own their cottages or will force them to move toward electric generators with the resulting noise and greenhouse gas pollution. We recognize that Hydro One is a rather unique retail distribution utility because it serves mostly rural communities and does not have the dense city populations to offset the higher rural distribution costs but that does not absolve the province from the responsibility of ensuring that all residents are treated fairly.

Therefore, on behalf of others in our situation, we request that the OEB further considers this situation and develops a fairer solution for the seasonal residential electric customers like ourselves so that we can continue to enjoy peaceful summers at our cottages.