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I am a U.S citizen, but now as a retiree I spend the summer months at our cottage on Wolfe Island, Ontario. I have found over the past 33 years of ownership that the cost for electricity for this small 900 sq ft unheated/non air conditioned cottage far exceeds what I pay year round to live in my 2,500 sq ft home in Ohio. I have learned to deal with the high cost for electricity in Ontario. The fact that we must pay for year round service (unlike telephone or internet which allows for season suspension), even though we occupy the place for only a few months each summer, is something that I have had to accept. My family made the necessary adjustments when Hydro One adopted the time of use cost scale. We have done this to conserve energy, as well as to keep out costs at a reasonable level.

Today, however, I receive notice that the cost for the use of electricity at our cottage could easily double due to the proposed change from seasonal rate class to residential low density (R2) class. It appears to me that your company is actually penalizing those of us who use less electricity by raising the rates to ridiculous levels. According to the person I spoke with at Hydro One's customer service, she confirmed that my bill could actually more than double each month. She also indicated that it certainly appeared that those of us who use less electricity and are located in the low density areas are being penalized. The representative did try to soften the news by explaining that these changes would come gradually over nine years, with only 10% increases each year. She also indicated that many weekend cottage owners are considering using generators so as to avoid the ridiculously high hydro charges. Seriously? Is this what it must come to?

I have never complained about paying my fair share for anything. However, I truly believe that the costs for this proposed change is unreasonable and needs to be reconsidered. The impact is far too great for many cottage owners. I sincerely hope that you will look further into this change and consider a more reasonable rise in pricing.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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