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Ontario Energy Board  
2300 Yonge St  
Toronto, ON  
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RE: ELIMINATION OF SEASONAL CLASS HYDRO RATE  
EB-2020-0246

Dear Sirs:

I am requesting that this letter be provided to the participants of the next OEB hearing to discuss elimination of the "seasonal" billing rate for hydro.

Having reviewed OEB and Hydro 1 correspondence, I submit that the anticipated change will not enhance fairness as suggested by the OEB, because "seasonal customers" will be treated and billed differently than other R2 users. The plan surpasses "fairness" and is punitive in nature.

Existing full time R2 customers will continue to receive hydro services at a lower rate than the 80, 000 customers joining them from the old "seasonal ranks" once RRRP and DRP are factored in.

If you proceed as planned. R2 full time customers will be actually be billed at a lower rate than those migrating to that category from the old "seasonal" rate category.

Board members will know under existing legislation, that these new R2 customers will be denied coverage presently enjoyed by existing R2 customers. If the motive for change is really based on achieving "fairness" and not merely a money grab as many suspect, other work is required before changes are introduced. Legislative amendments must be introduced to extend rebates to all R2 customers including the old "seasonal customers"

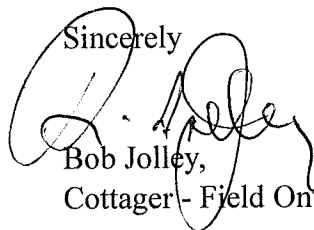
I have attempted to stay current on the activities of the OEB and Hydro during this process.

While the OEB insists that the existing billing structure is unfair, I do not recall the Board ever providing a convincing case of evidence to that effect.

The OEB has indicated that the decision to eliminate the "seasonal class" will not be reversed. It has also directed Hydro 1 to provide a plan to mitigate the negative affects on customers.

I would propose that the reasonable and fair thing to do would be to amend the RRRP and DRP legislation before new billing classes are established.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Jolley', is written over the printed name.

Bob Jolley,  
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