

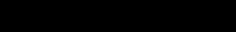


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Subject: Letter of Comment - 

The Ontario Energy Board

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EB-2020-0246

-- Name --

Ross Williams

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-- Address --



-- Comments --

I am writing this letter on behalf of my mother, Jean Williams, who owns a seasonal cottage with Hydro One providing the electricity. We just received a letter from Hydro One outlining a change in rate class from Seasonal to residential low density. I would like to express my dismay with this decision.

Our monthly bill is about \$55 with about \$45 going toward Delivery. It is shocking to find out our electric bill will be doubled next year under this new rate class. I am puzzled as to why a seasonal cottage would be classified as a residential dwelling with the assumption that electricity would be used

12 months of the year. It is not, and the vast majority of cottages in Ontario are not used 12 months of the year. In fact, our taxation at the county/district level is based on being a seasonal dwelling and we do not have the benefits of garbage collection, schooling, water and waste treatment, that residential areas would have.

Since we are already paying for the delivery of the electricity now at \$45 per month, how can you justify doubling that cost?

Also, you state that this would come into effect next January in full force, without any transition to the new rates. For people on pensions, this will make owning cottages more difficult.

I would appreciate it if Hydro One could justify their doubling of our bill by providing all those affected with data that supports the decision. If the OEB says the delivery rates charged now don't cover the costs, then provide that data. And if, in fact, it is the case, then at least transition the rate increase over a few years and not all at once.

Many thanks for your consideration,

Ross Williams

