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From: Webmaster <Webmaster@oeb.ca> Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 3:07 PM To: registrar <registrar@oeb.ca> Subject: Letter of Comment -

The Ontario Energy Board

-- Comment date --2021-03-02

-- Case Number --EB-2020-0246

-- Name --Peter Dowsett

-- Phone --

-- Company --

-- Address --

-- Comments --

As a seasonal property owner I am asking you to stop the impending rise in our hydro bills!

My family has a seasonal residence and this is a voting issue for us.

You are trying to substantially increase my electricity rates by eliminating the Seasonal Rate Class. This means an additional \$54 a month in fees for nearly 80,000 seasonal Hydro One customers and cottage owners like me.

That's a cost that we can't bear. The Ontario government ran on a promise to keep our energy costs in check.

In addition to electricity costs, rural homeowners already shoulder 90% of the property tax burden in some rural municipalities! Waterfront property owners represent a significant proportion of many rural communities, and support local economic activity through our taxes, local purchases, volunteerism and other forms of community leadership.

This year, more than ever before, we need to come together and bolster our rural communities to help them recover from the impacts of COVID-19.

I ask you to please stop this significant increase in our electricity rates.

Thank you.

-- Attachment --