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Dear Commissioners

Regarding the proposed Elimination of Hydro One's Seasonal Rate Class

I would like to submit my comments on this issue. I am quite upset about this proposed change.

I feel that I am already paying excessive delivery fees for the small amount of electricity used at my cabin. I have no dishwasher, no laundry facilities etc. My Delivery Charges on each bill are more than 4 times the actual cost of electricity – at peak usage in the middle of the summer. On my most recent winter bill, I have a \$145 delivery charge – with zero electricity usage.

Now it is being proposed to change my cabin to R2 class and it will mean that my electrical bills will be more than doubled, according to the letter I have received from Hydro One. This seems outrageous to me. How does this serve the public interest?

It looks like one cause of this dramatic increase is that the cap on delivery fees for R2 customers will not be applied to seasonal users. If we are eliminating the seasonal rate class, how is it justified to penalize seasonal users when they are in the R2 class?

Even if it is phased in over several years, the increase on an already expensive service seems exorbitant and will not make it more affordable in the long run. Also, I find it hard to accept the statement that this phasing in will cost Hydro One \$150M, when they are increasing the rates so dramatically – how is that a cost to the utility?

All in all, I am very upset with this proposal and I hope that it will be changed so that the new billing amounts will decrease for people in our situation, or at worst remain the same, rather than a huge increase.

Thank you for your attention.

Nicholas Valteau