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I understand that the OEB is eliminating the Seasonal Rate class which our property at 1003 Bower Lane, Utterson ON has been classified as to date.

While I understand that our property electrical rates should increase to appropriately reflect the costs, I do not understand at all the new ratings.

From the table that was sent with the information about the changes due in 2022, it appears that higher monthly consumption of electricity has reduced % increase. *see pg 2*

I am terribly confused by this. I thought that we were supposed to try to reduce our consumption. However, from this chart my charges would go up by approximately 54% whereas if I used MORE electricity it would only go up by approximately 20% . Please help me understand this.

There is something fundamentally wrong with a system that rewards HIGHER CONSUMPTION.

The chart was difficult to understand and while the increase is understandable, the methodology is questionable.

Sincerely

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These estimates are based on rates for 2022 that have not yet been approved by the OEB and are subject to change.

The estimated impacts shown below are prior to any rate mitigation measures that the OEB may require.

The table shows three sample levels of monthly electricity use.* The actual change to your bill will depend on your own monthly electricity consumption. Hydro One Networks' estimate of your average monthly electricity use over the last 12 months is 262.26 kWh.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
2022 Change to Total Bill due to Eliminating the Seasonal Class									
Monthly Consumption (kWh)	2022 Seasonal Status Quo Total Bill	2022 Change in Total Bill for Seasonal Class Moving to All-Fixed Rates		Seasonal Customer Moving to Residential Low Density (R2) Class		Seasonal Customer Moving to Residential Medium Density (R1) Class		Seasonal Customer Moving to Urban High Density (UR) Class	
	\$/month	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
50	54.06	6.28	12%	53.79	100%	-5.23	-10%	-24.02	-44%
→ 350	100.20	-1.02	-1%	54.31	54%	-5.48	-5%	-24.62	-25%
1,000	200.17	-16.86	-8%	55.44	28%	-6.03	-3%	-25.91	-13%

*To estimate your new total bill at one of the sample consumption levels in column A, begin with the total bill amount in column B; add (or subtract) the amount related to the transition to all-fixed rates in column C, and add (or subtract) the amount in one of columns E, G or I depending on the residential class into which you will be moved. *For example, a seasonal customer moving to the low density (R2) class and consuming 1000 kWh monthly would see a new total bill of \$238.75 (200.17-16.86+55.44).*

The Ontario Energy Board is holding a public hearing

The OEB will hold a public hearing to consider Hydro One Networks' report and proposed plan referred to above. During this hearing, which could be an oral or written hearing, the OEB will review and question the report and proposed plan. It will also hear questions and arguments from individuals and groups that have registered to participate (called intervenors) in the OEB's hearing. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide when and how the remaining steps in eliminating Hydro One Networks' Seasonal Rate Class will be implemented, including whether rate mitigation is required and, if so, what that rate mitigation should be. The OEB has stated that it will not reconsider the decision to eliminate the Seasonal Rate Class in this hearing.

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. It makes decisions that serve the public interest. The OEB's goal is to promote a financially viable and efficient energy sector that provides you with reliable energy services at a reasonable cost.

the more you use the lower your fee



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NOTICE

Ontario Energy Board Hearing to consider the next steps in eliminating Hydro One Networks Inc.'s Seasonal Rate Class (EB-2020-0246)

As the account holder of a seasonal property located at: 1003 Bower Lane, you are receiving this letter because you are a "seasonal" customer of Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One Networks) and your customer classification will be changing. The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) has determined that Hydro One Networks' Seasonal Rate Class will be eliminated. Each existing seasonal customer will be moved to one of Hydro One Networks' other three residential rate classes, as noted below.

This change relates to charges for the distribution services that Hydro One Networks provides. The OEB has found that the distribution rates currently charged to seasonal customers do not appropriately reflect the cost to serve them.

At the request of the OEB, Hydro One Networks has filed a proposed plan for eliminating the Seasonal Rate Class in a report filed on October 15, 2020 called "*Hydro One Report on Elimination of the Seasonal Class*". The plan proposes rate mitigation measures for customers who are expected to see a total bill increase of more than 10% as a result of moving to another rate class. Rate mitigation is a tool used by the OEB to protect consumers from having large bill increases at one time – for example, by phasing in the increase over a number of years.

The potential impact on you

Hydro One Networks anticipates that you will move into the residential low density (R2) class.

The OEB has yet to decide whether this change will take effect on January 1, 2022 or on a later date.

The table below shows examples of estimated total monthly bill changes for a seasonal customer after the transition into one of the other three Hydro One Networks residential classes is complete. In order to provide affected customers with more accurate bill impacts, Hydro One Networks is also including the bill impacts due to completing the ongoing transition to all-fixed electricity distribution rates.