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Certainly a lot of interest has been generated by the latest case opened by the OEB related to the elimination of the Seasonal Class of service. While I certainly understand this issue is going to be very painful for the approximately 50 percent of the Seasonal Class Customers who will be hit by this change, I am in the situation where I will move to R1 and therefore see a bit of a reduction in delivery costs which make up 75 percent of my costs.

As I have followed this for years, I continue to support the elimination of the Seasonal Class as it unfairly discriminates against me compared to my neighbour who is 100 feet away.

Now that being said, do I believe Hydro delivery cost should double due to this ruling, no I don't. But let's look at the root cause. The fact that the Ontario Government in effect subsidizes full time rural residents with rate protection policies would also appear to create an unfair policy as it affects seasonal property owners. It is also worth noting as tax payers in Ontario who do you think are paying for that support.

Numerous letters of comment are aimed at Hydro One, but let's face it they are only concerned about their bottom line, and the OEB I believe is trying to do the correct thing, but unfortunately the entire process of rate protection and subsidies are not in their control.

Bottom line is our Ontario Government needs to play a role here and mandate fair Hydro pricing practices across the board. Just another thought, if Hydro One had remained as a publicly owned essential service company, this issue would not be an issue!

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