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Attention OEB:

We are strongly opposed to the proposed elimination of the Seasonal Rate Class in EB-2020-0246.

We recently recieved a letter from Hydro One informing us that the OEB wants to eliminate Seasonal Class Rate. We are strongly opposed to this price change. One reason is that it is extremely bias to low density class cottages. We are asking you to stop the impending rise in our hydro bills! Hydro One agrees with this, the paying customer.

Why does the Ontario Energy Board trying to DOUBLE electricity rates by eliminating the Seasonal Rate Class and is forcing owners into one of three classes? Owners do NOT have a say in which class they will be placed as it is based on rural density. Based on the information provided, our monthly rate will go from \$54.06 per month to \$114.13 (over a 100% increase), as we will be in the "low density R2" class. If we were in the "medium density" class, our rate would go to \$55.11. If we were in the "high density" class our monthly rate would actually drop to \$36.32! What type of system is this?

Just because we have worked hard, saved our money, we should not have to pay outrages electricity prices just because we own a cottage in a low density area. We are not here to fund the energy system. The cost to operate the distribution system should be applied equally by Hydro One and not as proposed. Hydro One agrees with the current pricing system. Current customers are not asking for this change. No government has asked for this change. Low density customers should not have to bear this cost.

OEB, stop trying to force rates where they are not needed or requested, especially by the distribution company.

Premier Ford has promised to keep our energy costs in check. This is not keeping prices in check.

Please take this email as opposition to the proposal and to stop it. Keep the current structure in place. There is no need for change.

I look forward to receiving an email confirmation acknowledging this opposition to your proposal and that it will be considered in OEB's final decision.

Yours sincerely,

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