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As an owner of a seasonal property I am in receipt of a Hydro One notice advising that "it anticipates we will be moved to (R2)low density residential class".

I am offended (according to this notice) that the OEB thinks "distribution rates currently charged to seasonal customers do not appropriately reflect the costs to serve them".

Subsequent discussion with a hydro one representative informs that we are not eligible for (r1) class which has similar per annum costs when compared to seasonal.

The rate differential between R1 & R2 class is itself discriminatory, e.g.-our residence is in Adjala-tosorontio Township as is the residence of our daughter & son-in-law, both rural and comparable yet we are deemed to be R2 while they have an R1 rating.

So with an R2 rating cottage delivery costs will increase over 100% per Hydro One's notification, despite six month usage from May to October and a 68.91 Kwh averaged annual consumption (DELIVERED TO HYDRO ONE'S 50 YEAR OLD WOODEN POLE).

Hydro One also states that a disconnect in the fall would result in expensive charges to reconnect in the spring which is ransom by an essential service with a monopoly. (??will Hydro One include among other financial impediments the removal of the 50 year old wooden pole (there when we bought 20 years ago) along with the ten year old overhead cables terminating at our mast on our ten year old cottage AND then put it all back in the spring??). Yet at our residence hydro one will flip the disconnect once a year for tree limbing etc and connect again at no cost..go figure This is nothing more than an effort to maximize profits due to privatization, meanwhile other parts of government are taxing other energy sources to subsidize charging stations, electric vehicles etc.

Even Hydro One is filling my mail box with so called advantages of rebates and grants in the push for electrification.

As a senior citizen I "wasn't born yesterday" and when push comes to shove there is always my reliable .diesel standby generator.