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Subject: Letter of Comment
EB – 2020 – 0246
Seasonal Rate Change

Property of Concern is
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Dear Sir/Madam

We would like to express our opinion about the Seasonal Rate Change and comment on how it affects us personally.

We have spoken with the folks at OEB and Hydro One Networks Inc. We are not in agreement with the proposed rate increase to our delivery costs. As is the case with most seniors, we are on a fixed income. With that comes planning for and expecting everyday cost of living increases but the increase we have been told to expect in this case, far exceeds any increases to any cost of living supplements/raises folks in any sector would receive, especially seniors and those on fixed incomes.

In this particular situation, those using less power will pay the highest increases, slightly in conflict and contradiction of our Governments constant requests to conserve. They in fact, placed a Carbon Tax on just about every energy or fuel sector used by Canadians. Those that use or use more pay more. We understand that modifications are necessary to help to pay for the upkeep costs of delivery to rural low density areas, but this increase seems excessive to say the least, especially since some of the folks in the same or similar locations will be receiving discounts.

Our costs, we were told, are scheduled to increase 95%. The letter we received had a chart indicating it would increase 100%.. We are at our location 6 months of the year and pay the same kwh rate as everyone and our delivery increases with usage. During the 6 months we are not there, we still pay the base rate of delivery costs, plus all the taxes associated with that. We were told our base rate for delivery now is \$49.68 per month. This will be increasing to a base rate of \$111.58 per month. This will more than double our cost of delivery, on base rate. It will be higher with each kwh of usage.

This is what the increase will mean to us:

At \$49.68 a month , “0” usage for 6 months we now pay \$298.08 or / \$596.16 yearly base rate delivery costs

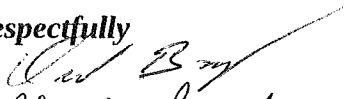
Increase to \$111.58 a month, “0” usage for 6 months we will pay \$669.40 or / \$1338 yearly for a base rate delivery costs

As you can see this is an increase of about \$742 per year, more than double our delivery costs at present.

The OEB states that their goal is “to promote a financially viable and efficient energy sector that provides you reliable energy services at reasonable costs.”

This increase of more than 100% is far from reasonable. We are hoping you will reconsider such an immense increase and think about how it affects users such as ourselves. It is unfair to all and will be a hardship for those on fixed incomes.

Respectfully


Shirley Boyd

The Boyd Family