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I wanted to write to the OEB and give a brief personal account of the proposed changes and the effects on our family. My family always dreamed of having a seasonal cottage. That said the opportunities to buy into the cottage market nowadays are virtually impossible for overwhelming majority. Not having a "family cottage" or some thing passed down to us we shopped the market for years. After giving up our search within a reasonable distance we increased our search radius and purchased a small 700 sqft cabin on a lake 5 hours from our home. It isn't much but it gives us a chance to build memories with out kids.

We use very little electric power at our cottage. In fact our delivery charge is always more then our power consumption. I have explained this to my family pointing out the infrastructure that provides power to several cottages on our road. I am grateful for the electricity and can justify the current delivery costs to service our property. I don't expect others to subsidize our recreational property but I also don't want people to think that because we own a second property we can afford a 100% increase. We are just a normal middle class family where I work two jobs just to keep up. Our camp is a very modest place and not an example of the million dollar places one would see in the Muskokas.

This change will not effect the executives of the Muskokas. It will effect the average Joe and his dream of the that little piece of a Canadiana. I really don't have an option to go off grid as the start up costs would pay for several years of hydro. Our lives are locked into hydro so we simply have to pay up or sell out to the next person with more means then us.

Please consider the effect these rate changes will have on the small guy who do their best to skimp and save each month just to have a taste of having a family cottage.

Thank you