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I'd like to start by pointing out that Hydro One's financial year ending 2020 attributed \$1,770,000,000 (\$1.77 billion) to share holders

(<https://www.hydroone.com/investorrelations/Reports/Hydro%20One%20Limited%20Q20%20Results.pdf>).

Yet when the topic of ending the seasonal rate class for 147,000 season cottage owners came up, the proposed answer was to apply some unclear increase to the delivery and per-kWh consumption rate that seems to scale inconsistently with consumption that could increase costs from 28% to 100% (referring to the Hydro One average bill increase estimate sent February 23, 2021).

This to me reads like an unfair increase to a supposed delivery cost that does not appear to be hurting Hydro One or its shareholders. There was no mention of it in any of Hydro One's share holder communications.

Time and again, Hydro One has consistently penalized property owners that consume below some untold average, yet still charge a high cost for delivery.

If you use less electricity, you will pay more than someone that uses what we used to consider, too much consumption.

Now we have some cynical attempt to increase shareholder value by an insignificant amount that Hydro One is not hurting for, and will not result in more boots on the ground maintaining lines and stations.

I propose that Hydro One come up with a lower electrical billing rate for properties that consume less than 350 kWh to offset the cost of ending the seasonal rate.

That sounds too broad a change that would cost Hydro One revenue from the regular R2 class consumers? Well

you're lumping seasonal property owners (I don't care what you call us) into a regular residential class as lower consumption consumers. We're seasonal.

It is unfair and un-Canadian, and any temporary cost mitigation is unacceptable. We have no choice when our bill doubles based on some corporate assessment.