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The Ontario Energy Board

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Re: File No. EB-2020-0246

Recently I received a letter from Hydro One regarding OEB's decision to eliminate the Seasonal Rate Class, including a table summarizing anticipated rate changes. At the bottom of Page 2, the letter states that OEB's goal "is to promote a financially viable and efficient energy sector that provides you with reliable energy services at a reasonable cost." I am wondering how the doubling of already high delivery costs to low consumption seasonal customers like myself can be seen as being reasonable? Our seasonal property is located on an island and the hydro service we receive is already sketchy. A major thunder or wind storm is almost guaranteed to result in a power outage which in worse case scenarios can last for 24 hours or more. Now we are being asked to pay significantly more for such service.

We use our cottage approximately 5 months of the year but pay for year round hydro delivery and now that delivery cost is going to be almost double. This strikes me as blatant discrimination against low consumption Hydro One customers in remote locations. It also appears that low density class users would be subsidizing medium and high density customers whose rates will actually decrease. That, in my opinion, is not fair.

Does OEB assume that seasonal property owners are uniformly capable of absorbing significant increases to the cost of maintaining their seasonal properties because that is certainly not the case for those of us on fixed incomes. If the OEB is truly interested in acting in a reasonable manner, it should rethink the equitability of the proposed rate

changes associated with the elimination of the Seasonal Rate Class.

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