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The Ontario Energy Board

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I have received notification regarding eliminating the Seasonal Rate Class (EB-2020-0246). I see that Hydro One anticipates a total bill increase of more than 10% and that, although three residential rate classes are mentioned and each is shown in the most complicated and hard to understand Table, we will "move into the residential low density (R2) class."

I have calculated the estimated new total bill as shown on the Hydro One letter and find that moving from Seasonal to R2 would have a far greater impact than suggested. For a monthly consumption of 500 kWh the new bill will be 111% more than the existing bill, for 350 kWh/mo the new bill will be 53% more than the current bill and at 1,000 kWh/mo the new bill will be 19% higher than now. These increases come as rates change back and forth with ToU costs and COVID concerns.

On account of COVID, we spent our isolation at the lake and our electricity costs skyrocketed. The Hydro One letter notes that our average monthly usage over the last 12 months was 859 kWh. This is over three times the previous year, again due to COVID.

I also note that the rates charged have increased significantly over this same period. In March 2019 the electricity rates were 6.5, 9.4 and 13.2 per Kwh. November 2019 showed the rates increased to 10.1, 14.4 and 20.8 per kWh. I am aware that there are some COVID relaxations and rates are back to 8.5,

8.5 and 8.5 at present. However, the changing rates for supply and rapidly increased rates for delivery mean that even without any customer classification changes the Hydro bill is likely to increase by the 10% figure quoted.

We have our electrical service provided by underwater cables throughout the lake. There is no maintenance of this infrastructure yet we suffer from far more frequent power outages than other areas of Greater Sudbury.

I do not accept the proposal to eliminate the seasonal classification if it means the increases that I have calculated, and I do not see any justification in the increases suggested.

Thank you...

