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I am in receipt of Hydro One's letter concerning the elimination of the seasonal rate and moving to a R2 Low Density Class billing format. Upon discussions with Hydro One, I understand that even though I will move to a Low Density Class designation in order to provide equitable billing with other consumers, the distribution fee I would pay monthly would be \$111.58 vs any of my existing neighbors in the area who would be capped at a distribution fee of \$36.86. Towards this end, I fail to see how in any way this achieves the intent of the mandate from the OEB to Hydro One concerning the "fairness" to consumers. Hydro One has opposed the OEB mandated changes as they obviously are satisfied with the ability to charge seasonal property owners and consumers in low density areas higher distribution fees. Yet this Hydro One proposed action of not providing a distribution fee cap for consumers they consider to not have "Year Round Residential Status" still provides Hydro One with the ability to have a concealed Seasonal Rate and benefit from these actions on the back of consumers who simply happen to be located in areas defined as low density. As a consumer I would ask that the OEB formally request Hydro One to reconsider the proposed rate changes that provide a significant negative net impact to "Non-Year Round Status" consumers in the low density class vs the positive financial impacts to those in the medium and high density classes.

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