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The Ontario Energy Board

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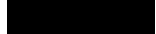
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I'm writing to express my opposition to Hydro One's proposal to substantially raise hydro charges to seasonal customers as a result of the elimination of the seasonal rate class. I understand the decision has already been made to eliminate the class - and find this disturbing as I don't believe customers were consulted about this decision.

I also find it disturbing that from my understanding of the letter that I received in the mail, the impact would result in many, if not most, seasonal customers seeing a dramatic rise in their bills while those in RR1 and Urban High Density would see their rates be dramatically reduced. To me this amounts to seasonal customers who may only visit their properties for a few weeks a year subsidizing other customers in other categories that occupy their residences full time.

I have a modest 500sf cottage built in 1959 in Ontario that has been in the family for 50 years. Three years ago, I purchased the property so that it would remain in the family even though I am only able to visit 2 or 3 weeks a year. Should the proposed rate increases go into effect, the carrying charges of this property will rise to a level that may make it difficult for me to keep the property. Given that I use very little hydro, I find this hard to accept.

Please consider the impact that these charges will have on owners who are low users and yet are expected to pay for carrying charges that are extreme. I believe that a measured cost assessment that provides some blending of rates between classes would be a more equitable approach.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Karen Russell