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LETTER OF COMMENT

Comments:

I am writing to you in regards to the proposed rate increase for what is considered an R2 class. This additional cost is clearly shifting the burden of hydro rates onto the seasonal cottage owner from the local residence in the area. I am faced with a 100 percent rate increase. We as by your own description area a seasonal owner. We do not have access to our property for the municipality does not maintain our roads nor do they clear snow. For this very reason Hydro One does not provide service to the area for the same months and for the same reason. We as seasonal property owners pay for and maintain the roads at our own costs and Hydro One utilizes these roads at no cost to them or the municipality. This excessive rate increase can be defined as a hidden tax to be boar by the seasonal cottage owner. The O.E.B is driving the proverbial wedge between the local residence and the seasonal cottage owner. The seasonal owners are a key economic driver to the economy in the area and this added hardship will affect this relationship a negative way. The letter I recently received is vague in what the new hydro costs will be and also in how the new rate class is determined. What defines an R2 rate user? I believe the shifting of the hydro costs onto the backs of the seasonal user is a hidden agenda to further drive up costs to everyone over time. This is due to the focus of the now privatized Hydro company to raise profits without increasing services. We have not had a single outage in our area over the past 5 years which would justify the increase or the altering of our rates class. Brent Short

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