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The Ontario Energy Board

-- Comment date --

2021-03-07

-- Case Number --

EB-2020-0246

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-- Comments --

Hello,

This comment is in regards to EB-2020-0246.

The letter we received (dated February 12, 2021) advises that we will be placed in the new R2 Residential Low Density Class, and it is our understanding that we could see our electricity rates go up 50% for our property. While Hydro One has proposed mitigation through the use of credits until its full impact, it is incomprehensible that electricity costs can be made so high. The main points we feel worth mentioning are:

Electricity must be made accessible and affordable to all residents in Ontario...

1. regardless of where they live or own property 2. regardless of their social class 3. mindful of people that are on limited incomes (including pensioners, disability, etc.), and let's face it, the federal/provincial rebates/credits made available to low income families is negligible 4. by limiting carrying/delivery charges, which should not be double the amount of actual electricity used 5. it is a fundamental basic need and should be applied on the same principles as any social program offered to Ontarians; for the greater good Our rates could go up over 50% through the new R2 rate class. How is it possible to increase rates by this much? You are gouging the people of Ontario and penalizing us because we have a cottage. We have paid our fair price, we pay taxes (with limited resources/amenities), we are (most likely) using less electricity than our "urban" counterparts for part of or the majority of the year as we spend most of our time outdoors and have

(significantly) smaller dwellings, and yet our electricity cost for our cottage is double what we pay for our urban home - how does that make ANY sense? Hydro One, or any other provider, has to provide electricity to the people of Ontario, period.

We are aware of families 20 minutes north of our property paying almost 50% less than we pay for but because they are classified as principle residences, their rates are lower. How does that make any sense? We are all drawing from the same lines.

I am absolutely opposed to the R2 rate class as No One should have a 50% or higher rate increase on anything much less an essential service like Hydro!

