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The Ontario Energy Board

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The first point under OEBs Mandate reads 'Establishing rates and prices that are reasonable to consumers and that allow utilities to invest in the system'. The potential doubling of consumer Hydro rates does not sound reasonable. My last Hydro One bill was \$382.54 (For the period of: 10-27-2020 – 01-27-2021). Of those 3 months I was living at my residence 21 days, the power was shut off in the remaining days. My previous bill was \$674.82 (3-month period). My cottage is not large, it is all one level. If these costs were doubled it would be atrocious. I pay just as much taxes and contribute to local communities and their businesses. My current rates seem more than enough to cover Hydro delivery and maintenance costs. The doubling of any persons rate, even if spread out over time, is unjust.

The cost of living is getting out of control, even prior to this pandemic.

And now in our current state so many owners are affected mentally and financially. As per MNP president Grant Bazian “The virus has understandably created significantly more financial anxiety for those directly impacted by job loss, declining wages and business closures. Four in

10 (43%) Canadians say they are not confident they can cover their living expenses for the next year without going further into debt” (\*The MNP Consumer Debt Index Survey).

Seasonal Hydro rates should not be doubled.