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**Subject:** EB-2020-0246 - Written Comments

March 08, 2021

Ms. Christine E. Long  
Registrar and Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board

Dear Ms. Long,

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We strongly oppose OEB's action to eliminate the Seasonal Rate Class.

In mid-February, we received a letter from Hydro One which outlined the proposed change and provided us with specific information relating to our account. While we were aware of OEB's action, we were totally unprepared to learn of the financial impact.

We use our cottage near [REDACTED] on a seasonal basis for approximately 5 months per year. Our Hydro One bills (quarterly), reflect 0 Kwh for 7 months and a total of 2179 Kwh for the remaining 5 months.

OEB's proposal to eliminate the Seasonal Rate Class will move us to rate class R2. This will result in an increase of over 100% in our hydro bill.

This increase is confirmed in the Hydro One report of October 15, 2020 from Mr. Henry Andre to the OEB. In the Introduction Mr. Andre writes:

“The report demonstrates that the elimination of the Seasonal Class per the March 2015 Decision results in only a small benefit for some seasonal customers at the expense of large negative impacts for other seasonal customers. The elimination of the Seasonal Class, once the move to all-fixed distribution rates is completed, results in a reduction of about \$5/month for the roughly 70,000 seasonal customers moving to the R1 residential class and an increase of about \$54/month for the roughly 78,000 seasonal customers that would move to the R2 residential class.<sup>7</sup> The combined impact on low volume seasonal customers of moving to the R2 residential class at all-fixed distribution rates, and without the rate subsidies available to year-round R2 customers, is a 111% (or \$60/month) increase in their total electricity bill”

Mr. Andre's report clearly shows that, like ourselves, 78,000 other seasonal customers will see

extraordinarily large increases in their hydro bills. Increases of this magnitude are not acceptable. Any temporary rate mitigation program would only lessen the pain for a short period of time.

In conclusion, we request the OEB reconsider their plan to eliminate the Seasonal Rate Class. If the OEB implements its plan, the R2 rate structure must be revised to reduce the unreasonable impact of the proposed change.

Sincerely,

Eleanor and John Hrabí

cc: Mr. Henry Andre, Hydro One

Hon. Greg Rickford, Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines

Mr. Norm Miller, MPP, Parry Sound-Muskoka