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The Ontario Energy Board  
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We have looked over the notice Hydro One has sent out to seasonal properties. The category of **Seasonal Property is to be eliminated**. It is advising this proposed increases might become effective **January 1, 2022** or later. On page 2 **Changes to Total bill** due to the elimination of the seasonal category is outlined. Right now our invoices are based on time of day consumption, low, mid and peak rates over a **quarterly period**. This chart is based on **monthly consumption** and on the notice that was sent out, a monthly average is shown based on total usage over 12 months. The new rates cannot be based on a quarterly read and subsequently averaged out for Hydro One's benefit to ensure a large monthly billing, even in off-season times. Meters would have to be read and billed monthly. When there is zero usage over 6 months of non use there should then be no charges. Will there be a continued "delivery charge" as well? This notice does not clarify that.

**Hydro Ones examples of potential billing:**  
**50 kwh per month** basic cost on **column B \$54.06** from column C **add: \$6.28** plus from column E **add: \$53.79** and the bill would be **\$114.13 a month**  
**350 kwh per month** basic cost on **column B \$100.20** from column C **subtract: \$1.02** plus from column E **add: \$54.31** and the bill would be **\$154.62 a month**  
**1000 kwh per month** basic cost on column B **200.17** from column C **subtract: \$16.86** plus from column E **add: 55.44** bill would be **\$238.75 a month**

This is completely unacceptable to anyone who owns a seasonal residence and it will be financially out of reach for many owners. We ask that Hydro One re-evaluate this proposal. Please do not change the designation from R2 seasonal service to low density classification. Please keep in mind that many of us, like myself who have a small trailer on the LOW at Bigstone Lodge are working class people. I have been fortunate to own a place since 2000 and my sons loved Kenora and in fact, my eldest, Dr. Rorke Christiuk has a practice in Kenora and he is raising his family there. It was because I could afford a modest trailer, and yes, I paid for his education, he went to Waterloo and it is because I had a place near Kenora that he decided this is where he wanted to put down his roots. In the big picture, by keeping

costs of a seasonal cottage to being affordable, the long term effect is that Ontario becomes the future home of many future investors in your economy. I hope to retire in the next two years, I would like to spend more time in Kenora, near my grandchildren, and I would be increasing revenue to the area as I would spend more locally. It all filters down to spending money somewhere and I think there are many cottagers who hope to keep it affordable, will be helping Ontario's revenue in other ways.

Thank you for your consideration.

Dale Christiuk