

At the Ontario Energy Commission (OEB), [REDACTED]

Following the **OEB's Notice of hearing to review the steps to take to eliminate Hydro One Networks Inc.'s seasonal rate category (EB-2020-0246)**, we would like to provide feedback and concerns.

We have a property located at the end of Long Lake, Sudbury, on uns organized territory, so receiving no service from the city (garbage collection, no recycling, sewers, etc.). Surrounded by Crown land and two Ontario conservation areas, there is no anticipated growth in property density.

We have analyzed the proposed rate change and contrary to what you are saying, your plan does not protect consumers from large increases in our bills despite the mitigation plan. We believe that the proposed increase for the total bill is far too high, especially the **low-density** residential category R2 which will see our bill increase by more than 50%. A rate reduction is absolutely necessary especially if this rate of increase is maintained. Moreover, in our view, the implementation date of January 1, 2022 is far too fast and does not reflect the economic reality of consumers already experiencing the economic effects of the pandemic.

You know that despite our efforts to reduce our kWh consumption, current tiered tariffs (0-999 and 1000 kWh) do not give us the full benefits of the third-tier system. The rental of our property does not give us access to the third-tier system and the delivery costs are exorbitant in relation to the electricity costs used.

As a retiree, my husband and I have to find ways within our existing budget to cope with regular increases in the cost of living. Hydro One is expected to do the same. What additional efficiency measures could be put in place to reduce costs before raising rates?

Hydro One should demonstrate all planned efficiency measures before increasing the rates proposed in your letter.

In conclusion, we find it absurd to announce such an increase at a time when Ontarians are experiencing the most stressful times associated with COVID-19.

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