

Subject: Letter of Comment

The Ontario Energy Board

Comment Date: March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Case Number: EB-2020-0246

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We are writing to oppose the proposed 100% increase in the Hydro rates for our seasonal property. The increases to the billing for the use of 1000 KWh are the same as 50 Kwh. Our reasons for opposing the increase are:

1) The increase appears to be almost 100% fixed.

There is no incentive to reduce consumption by investing in lower energy efficient appliances or adding solar power.

We try to use as little power as possible, Over the years we have added insulation to the attic and torn out walls to add insulation to reduce consumption of electricity. The cottage is only used in the summer months .The main circuit breaker is tuned off for 8 months of the year and the hot water heater is turned off in the summer months when we are not staying overnight at this location. Only a small refrigerator is left on when are not using the property in the summer.

2) The cost of Hydro may force us give up this property that we have used for 35 years. We live on a fixed pension that does not provide for large increases. If we are able to hold on, the remainder of our immediate family with younger children and limited resources may have to give up the opportunity to continue using this property.

We ask that any required increase to Hydro One rates, promote the conservation of energy by increasing the rate per KWH. This would encourage the use of green energy sources and more efficient appliances

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