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Subject: Letter of Comment for EB-20200246

ATTENTION: Board Secretary

I am writing this letter to express my wife's and my displeasure with the proposed rate changes.

We are having a difficult time coming to terms with the **upcoming** additional charge to our Hydro One invoice. ("The OEB has stated that it will not reconsider the decision to eliminate the Seasonal Rate Class in this hearing".) After confirming with Hydro One Networks' Customer Care personnel, our invoice will increase by a minimum of \$161.37. Basically, this is a Delivery increase. Ours will go from \$140.16 to \$301.53. That now means that we'll be paying over \$1200.00 per year before we even turn on the power.

Interesting that this is happening now. Rising food/energy prices and Covid 19 travel restrictions preventing us from going to our cottage. Ontario produces more energy now than ever before, yet these prices are increasing astronomically. To quote the OEB, "The OEB's goal is to promote a financially

viable and efficient energy sector that provides you with reliable energy services at a reasonable cost". That is certainly not the case for us.

Imagine the public uproar if automobile manufacturers started to charge shipping/handling fee based on where you live; instead of the practice of everyone paying an average fee. Buy a vehicle in Windsor, ON and you might pay \$50.00; however, in Thunder Bay it may be \$1000.00. Doesn't seem fair, does it.

Maybe Hydro One is looking to have residents shift to off-the-grid? Seems interesting too, that currently, Hydro One ads on television, refer to all kinds of plans to keep people who cannot afford their electricity costs connected. Here's a novel thought; maybe this is a poor time to increase the costs. My grandfather (Windsor Hydro Foreman) was responsible for getting service into our cottage location. Our next door neighbour who is further down the line and the only permanent resident, will be paying a significantly lower rate than the rest of us on the line. Again, where's the fairness? Seems a shame that my grandfather's grandson may be the one to disconnect the service.

We had several family members working at the former Ontario Hydro. I remember the fiasco at the time it shut down resulting from mis-management and poor business decisions. Maybe this is yet another example of history repeating itself.

Sincerely,

David Newman and Angela Newman

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Principal Residence:

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