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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 9, 2021 2:32 PM  
**To:** registrar <registrar@oeb.ca>  
**Subject:** Eliminating Seasonal Class Rates. #EB2020-0246

Good Afternoon.

I am writing to express my concerns out of the new creative steps to eliminate the "Seasonal Class Rate"...

I have already had a conversation with "Hydro One" and with the Ontario Energy Board as well and directed to follow up with the message/email.

My name is Wendy Schickler and we have our hydro account with Hydro One for our seasonal property, [REDACTED].

It occurs to me, that although we try to do our best to conserve hydro , encouraged by many media messages to do so, has become impossible to keep our hydro bill down. Each season, when we close the cottage, we pull the hydro breaker so our consumption is nil. Back , not that long ago, to reward us for not using any hydro at all, we did not receive a bill at all.. Now we get a good size bill, for zero hydro usage. Now we find that our price is going to increase just because we are seasonal and the powers that be want to change that for their own benefit and increases will be applied to us who have tried to keep our usage down.

The message received is interpreted that,,,,," You don't use enough hydro, so we are putting the price up for you".... We are held hostage to those who control the hydro.

We as consumers do our best to minimize our bills the best we can and for that we are given increases. Maybe someone on your end would council me on the technique to use to keep our bills to a minimum. Maybe the goal is to encourage a property owner to use no hydro at all and to pay the increasing delivery charges. This feels more like theft than service.

We are very seasonal, closing in early October and opening maybe early May or a bit later. Our little cottage is 600 square feet with no shower and two tiny water heaters and our hydro charges have to go up because someone thinks we should pay more because we don't use as much. hmmm.

Anyway, I am expressing my disapproval and would highly suggest rewards to those who keep their usage down instead of increasing our costs. Put yourself in our shoes.

We are all paying energy bills and during these unprecedented times, we try even harder. Organizing better business makes sense, but increasing prices for those who don't demand as much hydro as someone else is not logical except for the greedy of course. People living out in rural areas and seasonal to boot, do not put the demand on the provider as much as congested busy areas that are harder to maneuver around in...

Anyway, I have written my concerns and would appreciate consideration.... Take good care

and stay safe.

Wendy Schickler.