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For consideration at the hearing about case EB-2020-0246, eliminating Hydro One Networks Seasonal Rate Class

While I am all for simplification of rate structures and the potential ensuing benefits I think the current proposal of eliminating seasonal rates goes a step too far, as it unfairly targets cottage owners.

We own a cottage north of Kingston, for the last 36 years, and we already think that the current rate structure is highly counter productive to saving energy. Over the last 2 years our modest family place, really only occupied in the summer, consumed on average a total of 470 kWh per year. This amounted to a cost of \$520 for the year, or \$1.10 per kWh in real terms. Embedded in this cost is a distribution cost of over 82% of the total!

If I understand the proposed rate change correctly, this new rate class would increase our annual bill by 111% to a total of basically \$1,100. With such a high fixed cost any energy consumed in addition would essentially be negligible. E.g. if we were to double our annual consumption, the total bill for the year would only go up by about \$70, assuming a blended average mid peak rate of \$0.15 per kWh. So, doubling the energy consumption for the entire year would only cost about 6.5%? That's really hard to believe.

So, in this day and age where energy consumption reduction and clean energy are the way to go, it seems to me that this bill proposes that energy consumption doesn't matter! In my opinion this is totally opposite to what needs to be done. This proposed bill will seriously impact cottage life and drive cottage owners off the grid wherever feasible. Is that the real intention?

I request to seriously reconsider the approach of rate changes as proposed and to make a considerable effort that saving energy has true rewards going forward. This is currently not the case and with the newly proposed rates this would only be worse.

Regards,
Rainer R. Schwab