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Hello I am writing this letter in response to Hydro One Networks application to the OEB to eliminate the Seasonal Rate and impose a huge increase in Delivery Charges.

1. Over the last several decades all Customers have heard, it is in everyone's best interest to reduce our energy foot print. So many of us did by using solar power where feasible, purchasing timers, high efficiency appliances, LED lighting and turning off or unplugging etc. I have done all of the above for both my home and seasonal property. The result is a "cumulative reduction" in consumption and loss of revenue for Utilities. WE SAVED, THE COAL PLANTS SHUT DOWN, THE PLANET SAVED, REVENUE DROPPED. So now to recover lost revenues increase the delivery charges??.
2. I am not sure if the OEB have the mandate to look at Hydro One Network's (HONs) costs and liabilities. If you do, have the OEB considered savings from within HONs? Labour Burden Rates and all Operation, Maintenance and Administration Costs for that matter? It is easy for one Party to submit "The Cost" if that is what they are doing. We spend "this much" so this is "the cost" and therefore the increase is justified. Simple math especially when Rural Customers have no choice in supplier and nobody pulling for us. Pay up.
3. Have we passed the "Threshold" where Hydro One Networks cannot provide affordable delivery? It has happened with our Highway System and Communication Systems in Ontario. Now we see Competition in our Communications and issue Highway Contracts. This should also be a matter of concern input and action for our Provincial Government before the OEB approves the application.
4. What ever happened to the concept of "we all get the equal benefit, electricity to our meter, we all pay the equal amount". I state this as a whole for Ontario as most Utilities purchase from two or three of the major producers, Ontario Power Generation, Bruce Power along with some large Utility Owned Suppliers. Most of this power is transmitted through Hydro One Networks high tension grid. In the case of Cottage Country most of the electricity produced locally by our Hydro Electric Facilities is transmitted to the large urban locations.

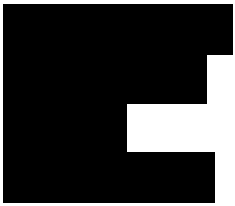
As stated above “equal benefit”. Electricity Supply is like a Public Road System. The cost is same for every user of the Public Road whether you live at the beginning of the road, the end, or there are five or fifty homes. We get the same benefit as the road to our driveway no matter what. This concept is supported by Canadian Common Law Judgements.

If my memory serves me right a survey was done in Ontario a while back and the majority of Residence in the Province agreed with the above concept. Equal benefit, equal cost.

In closing I hope the OEB reconsiders Hydro Ones Application in order to ensure we get it right for all Customers and to provide more time for input. I received my letter on about Feb 20, 2021 and it took me some time to digest all of the information from the OEB and Hydro One Networks. A lot of discussion has been generated between Seasonal Residence and we are only realizing the impact the OEB could have on us financially. To further express my concern, I have copied my local MPP John Yakabuski

Your Truly,

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