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The Ontario Energy Board

-- Comment date --  
2021-03-15

-- Case Number --  
EB-2020-0246

-- Name --  
Mark and Margaret Kennedy

-- Phone --  
[REDACTED]

-- Company --

-- Address --  
[REDACTED]

-- Comments --  
15 March 2021

RE: Elimination of Seasonal Rate Class (EB-2020-0246) To whom it may concern.

We own a seasonal property at [REDACTED]. Our monthly consumption during the summer is low, and the property is in a low density area. In reviewing the proposal to eliminate the Seasonal Rate Classification, we feel that the impact of this rate change is excessive/unfair for all customers who live in low density areas (R2) and use smaller amounts of electricity.

With the implementation of this new rate schedule, our monthly charge will increase dramatically (approximately 100% according to your chart). In the report filed by Hydro One Networks on October 15, 2020, it was recognized that the impact of this rate change would be greatest on those in the R2 (Residential Low Density) classification. It was suggested that implementation be delayed until January 1, 2023. We support that recommendation. Two options for mitigation were proposed for R2 customers. We support the second option that the increase be phased in over an 8-year period.

The report stated that there was previous communication with customers about this proposed rate change. The letter that we received dated February 10,

2021 was the first communication that we received from Hydro One about this issue which is most disturbing. With more people converting their cottages to year-round homes, low-usage customers should not be penalized for high usage residences.