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Hello,

I am the owner of a seasonal property and recently received a letter from Hydro One which states that my property will change from Seasonal to Low Density Residential on January 1 2022, or possibly, a later date. Hydro One estimates that the result of this change will be a 54% increase in the annual cost.

I also own a house that is also in the Low density Residential category. Here is a summary of the electricity cost for each of the properties:

	House Low density	Cottage Seasonal	Cottage Low Density with 54% increase
Annual total bill *	\$2,641	\$1,173	
Annual kwh consumed	18,952	4,112	
Cost per kwh	\$0.14	\$0.29	\$0.45

\* annual total bill represents the amount paid to Hydro One and includes electricity cost, delivery, regulatory and rebates

I contacted Hydro One to ask what are the charges they will apply after the change from seasonal to Low Density that cause the 54% increase and received the following answer:

*A Seasonal customer currently gets a \$60.50 credit on the residential property for rural rate protection and a delivery savings cap credit on the residential account. A customer can only receive this on their primary residence, when the cottage changes from Seasonal to Residential it won't be eligible for these credits.*

*As an example, on your February 9, 2021 invoice you are receiving the \$60.50 RPP credit and a \$58.61 Delivery savings cap credit that you wouldn't receive on the seasonal account once moved to a residential rate.*

This proposed increase due to the elimination of the seasonal class makes the cost of electricity unreasonably expensive. This is true even if the increase is phased in over a number of years. I am writing to ask that this level of increase not be implemented.

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