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To Ontario Energy Board File #EB 2020-0246

In response to the Hydro-One Letter dated February 12, 2021 regarding Ontario Energy Board Hearing to consider the next steps in eliminating Hydro-One Network's Seasonal Rate Class (EB-2020-0246), we are firmly against Hydro-One Networks proposal to move our account from Seasonal Status Quo to Seasonal Customer Moving to Residential Low Density (R2) Class.

No regulated organization should be able to increase rates to anyone group of subscribers by more than 100% in any given year. (example – current rate \$54.06; new rate \$54.06 + \$6.28 + \$53.79 = \$114.13). This proposal is outrageous and unrealistic in a year where some cottagers have lost their jobs, had to stay home, all due to the Covid Pandemic. Most cottagers are elderly and live on fixed incomes imposing a rate increase of this magnitude would create undue hardship.

Our cottage is located in a rural area and we only use our cottage for four summer months from May to September each year. We are truly a rural **seasonal** customer. This is clearly a money grab by Hydro-One Networks in an attempt to recover from over-spending on projects with poor due diligence carried out by over-paid Hydro One employees.

This is an ill-advised plan on the part of Hydro-One Networks at this particular time in the midst of the largest pandemic ever faced by this country. We do **NOT want our Seasonal Rate Class** changed.

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