



March 8, 2021

Ontario Energy Board
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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Ontario Energy Board Hearing to consider the next steps
in Eliminating Hydro One Networks Inc.'s Seasonal Rate
Class (EB-2020-0246)



We are in receipt of your proposal dated February 16, 2021 and wish to respond in writing. For the past 41 years we have owned a 800 sq.ft lakefront cottage on Rice Lake. This is a 2 seasonal cottage (May – October). There are 17 properties on the private Montgomery Road of which 4 are year round residences and the remaining 13 are seasonal. In 2020 our annual cottage hydro bill was \$548.81. Your proposal to eliminate us as a “seasonal customer of Hydro One Networks” to a “residential medium density (R1) class” is totally unacceptable. Our cottage is NOT in a residential medium area. Using your formula of 50 kWh monthly consumption our new hydro rate would be \$661.32 annually, an increase of \$112.51 from 2020 and that is assuming our monthly hydro consumption remains below the 50 kWh consumption and rates do not escalate in 2022! We are seniors with limited income and closely monitor and control our monthly spending. We simply cannot afford this proposed change. Our nextdoor neighbour on Montgomery Road is a permanent year round property owner who owns a 1800-2000 sq.ft. 3 storey home and currently pays hydro \$117.00 monthly or \$1404.00 annually.

Kindly retain this important letter and utilize it as personal information and evidence during your upcoming public hearing. I have noted in your letter that the Ontario Energy Board “makes decisions that serve the public interest” and “provides reliable energy services at a reasonable cost.” In our opinion, this is an unfair proposal for seasonal cottage property owners and your prompt denial is necessary. Moving forward, we would appreciate knowing your final decision via email, mail or telephone. If further information is required, kindly advise.

Respectfully yours,

 
Gordon Currie and Elizabeth Currie

