

Ontario Energy Board (OEB)  
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Attn: Registrar

March 09, 2021

Re: Tribunal for Public Meeting File Reference Number:  
EB-2020-0246, EB-2019-0234, EB-2016-0315  
(Elimination of Hydro One Network Inc.'s Seasonal Rate Class)

To Whom It May Concern:

As the owners of a seasonal property located at [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] we hereby object to  
the elimination of the Hydro One Network Inc.'s Seasonal Rate Class based  
on the following concerns / reasons:

1. This Model penalizes people for using less power, which defeats environmental objectives to conserve energy (i.e. financially punitive at low consumption versus incentive to conserve). How is this a sustainable environmental / "green model"?
2. Low-density residential areas will pay much more, than high-density areas (is industry/business usage contributing or providing benefit of lower rates in urban areas?).
3. Why should rural areas be penalized? This cost structure is becoming punitive, almost discriminatory based on ability to carry a seasonal property period. People in rural areas of Ontario, have the right to fair and equitable power as in urban centers. Rural populations should not to be charged in such a discriminatory manner.
4. Infrastructure to carry hydro is in place for those using it. Seems like an extremely punitive measure given hydro costs have already increased significantly over the past few years with **no**

improvement in service. (In addition to this proposed rate change, the new rate structure implemented Nov. 1, 2020 incorporating the "Time of Use" rate model will also increase costs across the board). Without incorporating the new Time of Use increased costs, for us, this proposal would mean an approximately 50% increase based on our 2020 consumption patterns. This is not indicative of "energy at a reasonable cost" as per the OEB goals. This is an exorbitant pillage from a minority group of Seasonal Property owners.

For R2 Low-Density designated classifications this approach is in complete opposition to the OEB's goal of providing *financially viable and efficient energy at a reasonable cost*. It is in essence robbing "Peter to pay Paul", whereby rural regions are penalized while more urban centers are reaping rewards of discounted power. It is important to note that energy generated from natural resources in rural regions feed the Ontario Grid – rural populations should not be penalized when it is then drawn for their use.

Carrying costs are paid for in distribution costs. Consumption costs reflect the "fluid in the pipe", not the rate at which the fluid flows. When I fill up my car with gas, I am not charged for energy differently if I pump 5L versus 50L. Charging more for using less is simply extortionist, is not reasonable, and is in direct contrast to the OEB's goal of "fair and reasonable".

We hereby give notice of our objection to the removal of the Seasonal Class rate structure and proposed replacement R2 Low-Density class designation with its proposed punitive rate structure for R2 designated properties.

Furthermore we want to put on record that we vehemently object to the lack of notice that we have received regarding this change especially vis-a-vis implementation. In this regard we request a minimum delay until 2023. We also request a cap on the yearly increases to 5%.

Thank you for your attention in this regard.

Please confirm receipt of this letter.

Sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

Stanislawa Olowiecka as owners of seasonal residence at

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