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March 11, 2021

To: Ontario Energy Board (OEB)
OEB File #: EB-2020-0246

From: John Eby



To Whom it May Concern:

This letter is in response to a letter dated February 11, 2021 from Hydro 1 concerning our hydro account [REDACTED] and the pending change of our service account from Seasonal Rate Class to Residential Low Density (R2) Class.

The letter suggests that as a result of this rate class change, our electricity charges are slated to double. This increase is detrimental to us as the affordability of maintaining the family cottage and the essential service of electricity to supply our water, refrigeration etc. is being compromised by unfair decisions. I understand that the cost of maintaining rural service lines such as ours is higher, however surely the lower cost of higher density service lines supported by the increased revenue from such lines should help subsidize your rural customers.

My father hired a contractor 55 years ago to install the hydro service line to our property at our cost. Hydro 1 has periodically (once every 10 years or so) brushed the line and last year replaced the transformer fuse so that is appreciated. As far as I know, the line is property of Hydro 1 now however no financial compensation was ever given to us for the line. Our line now services another private cottage built within the last 10 years.

Our family has been an integral part of the Big Gull Lake community for over 50 years. I find it very troubling that Hydro 1 is taking decisions that financially discriminate against property owners such as us. Being retired now and on a fixed income, the prospect of paying electricity charges that will in time exceed my tax bill is going to force us to make some very hard decisions on the viability of staying in that community. I recognize that you are trying to make the system more fair and just, but why should rural customers like us and many others, pay huge increases while our urban neighbors will see appreciable discounts in areas that already have excellent services (ie phone, cable, internet, garbage collection etc) - please try to rethink your approach to make it more fair to all!!

John Eby