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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 9, 2021 10:49 AM  
**To:** [ConsumerRelations@ontarioenergyboard.ca](mailto:ConsumerRelations@ontarioenergyboard.ca) <[PublicInformation@oeb.ca](mailto:PublicInformation@oeb.ca)>  
**Subject:** Planning Proposal to eliminate the seasonal class rate

Would you kindly forward this to the appropriate office of the Ontario Energy Board?  
March 9, 2021

Ontario Energy Board  
2300 Yonge St, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto, Ontario

RE: The OEB proposal through HydroOne, to eliminate the Seasonal Class Rate  
EB-2020-2046

To Whom it may concern;

I appreciate that the OEB needs to adjust power rates from time to time and that the Seasonal Class Rate has been studied for some time. Upon reviewing what is being proposed now I question the proposed model of billing. We have an island seasonal property, which I believe is not unique, and the proposal will roughly increase our energy costs close to 100% per year, based upon recent use. I ask you review the letter below that I sent to HydroOne concerning this matter. I note the proposal references mitigating factors that may affect the final proposal, though examples are not given. I trust our concerns will be reviewed and perhaps factor into making any change more reasonable. Thank you for your kind attention in this matter,

HydroOne  
PO Box 5700  
Markham, Ontario  
L3R1C8  
February 27, 2021

Reference to Ontario Energy Board Hearing on next steps to consider in eliminating Hydro One Networks Inc.'s seasonal rate class (EB2020-0246)

To whom it may concern;

Our island service is account number [REDACTED]. We do appreciate the service and improved communication of of HydroOne; and the opportunity to comment on this proposal

We have a seasonal cottage on an island in Eastern Ontario. It is only accessible by boat for use from about Mid April to November because of ice conditions and the fact it is a seasonal (not winterized) abode. The proposal of your letter of February 17 suggests we may have to pay nearly double our annual cost for electricity at this cottage (if I am reading the proposal correctly, it appears our cost may go up about 720 dollars a year, or about double). Ironically, if we currently used about 10X the power that we do on average monthly, our annual bill would increase less than 500 dollars according to the example provided under the table in the letter.

I enquired today if power can be suspended for part of the year that we cannot use the cottage, and learned this has not become an option.

I would observe that for the rare, more serious power outages that occur for islands on our lake , on some occasions it has taken very lengthy time periods for hydro to re-establish service. The most serious case occurred more than a decade ago when the power was apparently down for weeks in mid winter ; as I recall no rebate was available for the outage period, nor at that time, were we made aware of it , except by word of mouth. Clearly, in some conditions the power cannot be reinstated in the timely manner that would occur for a normal rural property. Island services are different. Further the concern that an island cottage will become a year-round residence is extremely unlikely in my view. Our specific service location has not required any upgrade or repair for decades.

I request this proposal be reassessed with respect to seasonal island cottages to reduce the cost recovery proposed in your letter of February 17<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Brian Gerry

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