

March 1, 2021.

Ontario Energy Board, PO Box 2319, 2300 Yonge St., 27 Floor, Toronto, ON., M4P 1E4

Dear Sir or Madam;

RE: OEB case EB-2020-0246 removal of Hydro One Seasonal Rate Class

Recently I received notification that my hydro billing will be changing from Seasonal Rate Class to residential low density (R2) class. This REALLY concerns me.

Using the present rate and my consumption, my bill is-

Monthly kwh 80.5; monthly \$51.66; annual kwh 966; annual **\$619.94**; \$ per delivered kwh \$0.64.

Using the new formula and rate and assume the same consumption, my bill will be-

Monthly kwh 80.5; monthly \$114.13; annual kwh 966; annual **\$1369.60**; \$ per delivered kwh \$1.42.

As you see, this is a whopping 121% increase. RIDICULOUS.

We need freezing total maximum bill increase to 10%, not rate mitigation for customers expecting to see more than 10% increase. 121% increase????

If I were to consume 1000 kwh per month I would only pay \$0.24 per delivered kwh- \$0.40 less than I pay now. I would be rewarded for consuming more.

Monthly kwh 1000; monthly \$238.75; annual kwh 12000; annual **\$2865.00**; \$ per delivered kwh \$0.24.

There are about 95 residences in our subdivision. Approx. 50% are year round residents. It is my understanding the year rounders already pay lower rate than we, their cottage neighbours that are seasonal. Off season I am already paying \$165.04 quarterly with no consumption (\$660.16 annually, \$55.01/mth.) to have the meter on the wall. If we multiply that by the 50 seasonal, our seasonal subdivision residents are paying \$275.05 monthly or \$3300.60 annually toward system maintenance. With the proposed new rate my quarterly bill will increase from \$165.04 to \$342.39.

Since about 1990 Ontario Hydro and our Ontario government have **asked us to lower our power consumption** so we do not have to add new generation and heavier power lines. I am doing my part at my house and my cottage, and now am being told **my rates go up because I do not consume enough**.

Yes, I do recognize repairs must be carried out 12 months of the year, but please, not all at the expense of the seasonal residents. Why will I pay \$1.42 per delivered kwh for my 80.5 kwh per month, while a person straining the system at 1000 kwh per month pays only \$0.24 per kwh? Does not make sense?

I built this cottage when I was 23 years old so my parents would have a place to get away from my dad's job stress. (Doctor's recommendation.) I am now 80, retired, on pension and would like to continue a relaxed summer time life there myself.

Escalating costs of taxes, hydro, shoreline erosion due to government great lakes water level control, general maintenance, etc. are making it very difficult.

Not all cottage owners are rich city people that own air conditioned mansions with heated swimming pools on the shore. Lots of us have 24'x32' lovely little cabins and use the shade of the trees to keep cool and swim in the bay.

I control my consumptions, please don't force us out by doubling electrical costs.

To help control my expenses I do not even have internet so this will come by Royal Mail. Internet is almost a requirement now and I will be less able to consider it if this price increase goes through.

Please review, reconsider and do whatever you are able, to drastically reduce this proposed increase.

Thanks for your help and consideration of this problem.

Sincerely,



Ed Caton

