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I am writing this letter in regards to the elimination of Hydro One Networks "Seasonal Rate Class" as directed by the OEB.

In accordance with the letter I received from Hydro One, I am to be reclassified into the Low Density R2 Class. Placing me into this rate class and increasing my already exorbitant rates by an additional 54% is preposterous. Over the years I have adhered to the energy saving tips and suggestions recommended by Hydro One and the Ontario government. I have been very diligent with respect to conserving energy and at great personal expense I have replaced major appliances, replaced and insulated the hot water tank, replaced all light bulbs with LED and installed power bars with timers. I even hang my clothes outside on a clothes line to avoid using the dryer. For doing my part as suggested, I've been rewarded with annual increases to my delivery charge even though my property is vacant many months of the year.

My delivery charges are now twice the cost of the actual electricity I use.

In addition I was given, without choice "Time of Use Pricing" which allows me to feed my family and to do our daily household chores when electricity prices are the highest.

I'm a senior citizen on a fixed income. My government pension gets a cost of living increase each year based on the CPI. For the year 2021 that increase is a whopping 1%.

How do Hydro One and the OEB see that a 54% increase can be justified even if spread over a 5 year period as suggested? Those increases still equate to 11% per year?

If this absurd increase is to go ahead and all indications are that it will, perhaps it can be phased in using the same formula as the CPI.