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This comment is in response to OEB file number EB-2020-0246. As a seasonal cottage owner and a retired individual this change in billing will have a great impact on my enjoyment of my cottage.

About 30 plus years ago we all had propane lights, fridges and stoves. The local marina had an exceptional propane business. Their service was smooth and seamless, you would never run out of propane and it was all done at a very economical price.

Ontario hydro (as it was known) came along and offered the option to get electricity to the cottages at a reasonable price so most cottagers took them up on it, removing their propane appliances and leaving the marina propane business a shell of what it once was.

I think OEB and hydro one need to be more realistic when services are offered, yes you are thinking 30 years is a long time but it isn't really when you look at a life time and how we plan for our retirement trying to forecast out many decades planning for some increases but not "huge increases". I obviously don't make in retirement what members of OEB and hydro one are going to. If all services and utilities did this to us I can't imagine what the outcome would be.

I remember the days when Ontario Hydro was the jewel of Ontario's services,

I think of all the lumber and pulp mills in northern Ontario that have either closed or relocated to Quebec for reasonable electricity rates.

If this decision is to go ahead why not propose that all Ontarian's pay one rate, have a blended rate for the province instead of the 3 remaining rates.

I'm sure that over the years Ontario hydro/hydro one has used tax payer dollars to help build their infrastructure.

I believe this decision should be reversed.

sincerely, David J. Scarlett