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As the account holder of a seasonal property with low monthly hydro usage (less than 50 kWh/month), I am very concerned to see that the transition to Residential Low Density Class would result in our monthly hydro bill increasing by over 100% per month. It seems that the proposed transition penalizes those in rural areas with low energy usage. Perhaps it would be more fair to have the increase in rate be more proportional with usage. For example, The increase in monthly fee for someone with under 50 kWh/month usage is $\$53.79 + 6.28 = \60.07 which will more than double the bill whereas if you use 1000 kWh per month the proposed monthly increase is $\$55.44 - 16.86 = \38.58 . Why should those using less energy be subsidizing those using more?

That does not seem to be forward thinking in terms of energy conservation and green policy. Perhaps there should also be consideration given for farmers that require energy use to support agricultural practices. At the very least, I feel strongly that rate mitigation is an absolute necessity if these changes are made or it may be necessary to cancel our hydro service altogether which would only result in fewer customers sharing the costs of delivery. It is time for Ontario to step up and recognize the need to provide services at reasonable costs for rural areas.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.