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The Ontario Energy Board

-- Comment date --  
2021-03-12

-- Case Number --  
EB-2020-0246

-- Name --  
Murray Smith

-- Phone --  
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-- Company --

-- Address --  
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-- Comments --

My wife and I recently bought this cottage in Jan 2020. We are both retired and at the age of 65, I was finally able to afford to buy a cottage and the associated costs including a mortgage. Now, we are being faced with a 54% increase to our hydro bill. No one budgets for a 54% increase in any of their monthly costs. This is grossly unfair and in our case, borders on age discrimination due to the fact that we are no longer working.

We are requesting a more phased in approach to the rate increase over a longer period of time .

In addition, we took possession Jan 15, 2020 and used our second residence for 107 days in 2020. We would have used it more had not COVID restricted our use. Our other residence is a condo and our second residence affords us the ability to reside in a less confined area.

Please consider our request and advise us of your decision.