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The Ontario Energy Board

-- Comment date --2021-03-12

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-- Comments --

I've been informed by Hydro One that our family cottage will be placed in the Low Density Class R2 which will be the highest financially affected class.

Between November and April when our cottage is closed, my cost will increase by 100% even if our breaker is deactivated. This is extremely unfair!

During the summer when we are in the mid-range for usage, my bill will increase by 54%. I was informed that permanent resident's costs are calculated the same as seasonal residents but they are given a monthly credit of \$60.50 which totals a credit of \$181.50 on a 3-month bill. To force cottage owners in what you refer to as "low density areas" to subsidize hydro bills in medium and high density areas is undemocratic!

I am 80 years old and 20 years ago when I retired, I invested my savings into a family cottage for my children and grandchildren to meet together from north and south Ontario. I chose a cottage in a quiet less-populated area along the Otonabee River due to cost and comfort. Now you are proposing that because we only use hydro 6 months a year, I need to pay for those who use much more hydro? This is unconstitutional!