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I have received the letter from Hydro One regarding changes to the Seasonal Rate Classifications, and find it inscrutable. It fails to provide sufficient information to allow an assessment of how such changes would impact small seasonal cottage owners.

Simply applying the example given to my situation would lead to a doubling of my annual cost from \$0.682 to \$1.160. It is not clear what each of the charges is for; does the B column charge cover kWhs and line, what is the E column charge for, and how is usage costed? Are these charges uniform throughout the year, even through the off-season when there is zero usage.

There was a time when Hydro encouraged usage (even giving free electric blankets) followed by a period of conservation. In response to the latter campaign, are we now to pay the price for using too little?

I understand and accept the need to cover costs, and, presumably, they are being covered at present. I am not aware of any significant inequities in payment for electricity as they are currently assessed. From the information presented in the letter, it is unclear of what inequity needs to be addressed and the overall implications of what this restructuring of rates, classifications and charges will accomplish.

Mark Carney (former central bank governor) says that the world has devolved into a harsh crisis-prone place by putting a monetary value or price on pretty much everything and that erodes the societal values that hold the world together. Quoting his book, "We have moved from a market economy to a market society and this is now undermining or basic contract of relatively quality of equitable outcomes, equality of opportunity and fairness across generations". He says what I would like to convey much more eloquently than I can.

I would urge a careful consideration, not only of cost per mile of line and usage, but also of the societal implications of a move by Hydro One is exactly the issue he addresses. I doubt that it is truly a win/win situation.

Respectfully submitted,
Hank Brunnader