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I am responding to the notice I received regarding OEB's file EB-2020-0246.

We are seasonal occupants at our property and hydro is currently one of our largest operating expenses. It appears that migrating to R2 Class rates will result in a more than doubling of our current expense. This level of increase is unacceptable under any "phase-in" scheme although Option 1 described in Hydro One's report is the best among poor choices.

Upon full adoption of the R2 rates, the discriminatory practice of treating seasonal customers like ourselves differently than full time residents must end. If we're paying the same rates, we should have access to the same programs available to help residents manage their rates, including Rural and Remote Electricity Rate Protection. Regulation 442/01 must be changed to end this discriminatory practice.

Even before this planned migration to higher rates, I had started to explore the feasibility of using alternative sources of energy. I know that others in our situation are doing the same. Note that if a growing number of seasonal residents migrate away from Hydro One as a provider, there will be a decreasing number of residents – full-time and seasonal – amongst which to spread the cost of delivery which will result in a spiraling of costs for remaining customers. I strongly urge you to take the steps necessary to reduce the impact of these proposed changes on consumers like ourselves for the long-term benefit of all of your customers.