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Ontario Energy Board
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To the O.E.B. Panel Commissioners:

On behalf of the 540 members of the Six Mile Lake Cottage Association, our Board of Directors would like the panelists reviewing Hydro One's proposed elimination of the Seasonal Rate Class to know that we are very concerned about this proposed change, the inequities that exist in the charges being levied by Hydro One and the impact of such a substantial increase in hydro rates.

The majority of landowners on Six Mile Lake are currently Seasonal Rate Class customers of Hydro One based on factors including how many dwellings they own and how often they sleep at their seasonal dwelling. Both have nothing to do with costs for hydro delivery. These Seasonal Class customers have been paying significantly higher delivery rates for the same amount of power as permanent residents who live next door to them on this lake. Both groups however suffer from frequent and long-term power outages.

The O.E.B. has ordered Hydro One to eliminate the Seasonal Classification because assigning customers different billing rates for non-usage related costs based on the number of nights they spend at their property was inequitable. We believe that if the Seasonal Classification is eliminated and those customers are transferred to the R2 density rate, then the former Seasonal Class customers should be subsidized in the same manner as the permanent residents living beside the Seasonal Class customers. If they are not subsidized by the same amount, then the inequity continues.

Without a level playing field, the rate increases that will be imposed on the former Seasonal Class customers will be shocking. Mitigating those proposed increases by introducing a 10% cap per year would only delay those significant cost increases over 5-10 years. For many landowners this will be an unbearable additional cost.

We urge the Panel to consider all the factors at play and create an equitable solution to the problem that Hydro One has created.

Sincerely,

Frank Boddy

Six Mile Lake Cottager Association, President.