

March 12, 2021

Ms. Christine E. Long  
Registrar and Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board  
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RE: Hydro One Networks Proposed Seasonal Rate Class Change (EB-2020-0246)  
Seasonal Property Affected – [REDACTED]

Dear Ms. Long:

I acknowledge receipt of a letter dated February 28, 2021 from Hydro One regarding the above proposal.

In trying to sift through the 233 page submission by Hydro One to the Energy Board, one thing seems clear and that is: TRULY SEASONAL CUSTOMERS of Hydro One are being asked to subsidize full time residential properties whether Seasonal or NOT!

Now I realize that this could be construed in reverse where it could be argued that FULL TIME residential customers should not be required to contribute to the plight of the Truly Seasonal Customer. However, given the fact that the infrastructure for delivery is already established for each side of the equation, the only remaining consideration is the cost to be associated to each party. This is where the proposal to increase the levy on the Seasonal Parties is most unfair. For instance, why should a low usage property, say under 1000 Kwh annually, be asked to pay the same rate for usage as any customer with 10,000 or more Kwh usage annually?

This brings me to the point of what is a FAIR and REASONABLE solution to this problem. Currently, I do not consider the Hydro One Proposal to be either. Granted, if I understand the proposal, the increased cost to Truly Seasonal Customers will be in the 106% to 111% range. I also understand that any increase will be capped at 10% annually for a period of 9 years, after which we would be at the allotted rate increase level. Meanwhile, permanent consumers of Hydro Energy would experience minimal rate reductions. This would result in increased revenue for Hydro One in the area of \$150 Million - \$167 Million per year after the 9 year period. This appears to be an effort to increase costs and spread the overall increase over a period of time. We cannot be misled by this action as the final result will be to have this exorbitant and unfair increase made PERMANENT!

I thank the Board for the opportunity to comment on this matter.

Yours truly,

Arnold M. Patterson, [REDACTED]  
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