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Dear Sirs :

This change being made will mean substantially higher hydro costs for many cottages who already pay substantially higher rates than residential at this time. I have difficulty understanding the thinking behind this change especially considering the need to address climate change. Increasing hydro costs will push cottagers away from considering the use of electricity for heating, refrigeration and cooking and rely more on propane and wood to meet these needs. If we are going to be successful at combating climate change what should be happening is encouraging people including cottagers to become totally reliant on electrical to serve their needs. Our present cottage (home) uses electricity to meet most of our needs. However these changes may push me to consider converting to propane to meet all our needs. This is exactly the opposite to what the Ontario Energy Board should be encouraging. Your thinking seems to be mired in an older paradigm. I would suggest that OEB should be looking to encourage the expanded use of electricity through providing hydro at reasonable rates and promoting the use of solar and wind options for homes and cottages. It would be the environmentally responsible direction to take.

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