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The Honourable Todd Smith

Minister of Energy

Hearst Block

900 Bay Street

Toronto, Ontario

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Re: OEB/Hydro One rate classification

EB -2020-0246

BY EMAIL

Dear Minister Smith

I recently received a copy of the OEB decision to eliminate Hydro One’s seasonal rate classification. While I expected that the OEB would not overturn the elimination of the rate class, I was dismayed that all that was addressed was the process, timing and amount of rate mitigation. What seems to have been taken as gospel is the need for a 100% rate increase. While the Hydro One application and OEB process was exhaustive and customer participation in the process was very extensive, I did not see one word mentioned about cost control.

It should be within the mandate of the OEB to challenge Hydro One’s assertion that a 100% rate increase is warranted. Mitigation does not address the reality that rates will increase 100% over the mitigation term and really is not a solution to business management at Hydro One.

I would urge you to instruct the OEB to push back on Hydro One’s cost assumptions and ask them to provide cost and service recommendations that would reduce the need for such a significant cost increase.

Yours truly,

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