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Ontario Energy Board Members:

We recently received a letter from our hydro supplier Hydro One advising us they were seeking OEB approval to change the distribution rates that they charge their customers.

This change also includes reducing the number of rate classes that they administer. Our concern is not with the distribution rates but rather with the request by Hydro One to reduce the number of rate classes.



We currently have 2 secondary accounts on our property that service small cabins used in the summer by our adult children and their families. At this time we pay Hydro One a monthly distribution volume charge that was introduced in 1996 to mitigate the impact of a change in Hydro's rate structure. What Hydro One is proposing is to change all of these secondary services to a general rate class that would charge for not only the distribution volume charge, but also charge a monthly distribution service charge even if there was no electricity being used. In our case this would result in us paying Hydro One for nine months of distribution service charges that they are not providing.

In this electronic age, for Hydro One to claim that there would be reduced administration costs and efficiencies found from this type of change we believe to be misleading given the substantial increase in costs that would be added to several thousand customers.

We are respectfully requesting that you deny Hydro One's request to reduce the number of rate classes and that you deal with distribution charges as a separate issue. Failing that we would ask that Hydro One be requested to show the efficiencies and costs savings to its customers by the introduction of this change.

Thank-you for taking the time to hear our concern.

Sincerely

Morris and Yvonne Mehlenbacher