

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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To:	Kirsten Walli Allan Fogwill
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Attached please find a letter from Paul C. McLean and Hydro One.

Thanks.

From:	Rose Cuoppolo/Howard Wetston	Date:	August 15, 2008
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ATTENTION: Howard I. Wetston, Q.C., Chair

Dear Mr. Wetston:

Recently I received a letter from Hydro One indicating that they are seeking approval to change the distribution rates for secondary service that they charge their customers, and I wish to state that I strongly oppose any change to secondary service rates.

At the present time my main delivery service charge is \$90.65 per month. If the secondary service rates are allowed to increase as Hydro One indicates, by 2012 my yearly secondary service charge will be \$374.64 for Hydro usage of approximately 1200 KWH per year.

I would appreciate the Board's consideration of my appeal against Hydro One's application for approval to change secondary service rates.

Yours truly,



Paul C. McLean

CC: Norm Miller, M.P.P.
Parry Sound-Muskoka

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Hydro One Networks Inc.
483 Bay St.
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ATTENTION: Myles D'Arcey, Senior Vice-President, Customer Operations

Dear Mr. D'Arcey:

RE: Account 8751 64 2118802 Paul C. McLean, Box 644, South River, ON P0A 1X0

I am in receipt of your letter of July concerning the amalgamation of my guest cabin with my regular service. This letter appears to be an effort to intimidate me into paying for the cost of this by increasing the cost of my cabin to \$374.64 per year by 2012.

My hydro line was put in from the Eagle Lake road in 1952, and in order to get power we had to install two or more services. That is why the cabin was never included with the main service. Therefore, because Hydro required the cabin to be on a separate service, I believe the proposed amalgamation should be paid for by Hydro.

At that time we were informed by Mr. Dillon of Hydro that if more services were located on this line that our costs would decrease accordingly. This has never happened and there are now five new services located on this line. My last bill shows delivery charges of \$90.65.

Although the special rate for secondary service was introduced in 1996, I was never informed of this and my charges for service charges remained high. I learned of these reductions and after contacting Hydro these charges were subsequently reduced because the cabin was on the same transformer as the house. I have included copies of 1997 and 1998 bills which show this. Rebate of these overpayments for 1996 and 1997 would be appreciated.

Yours truly,


Paul C. McLean

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Norm Miller, M.P.P.
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17 James Street
Parry Sound, Ontario
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Dear Mr. Miller:

I am enclosing copies of correspondence I have sent to Hydro One and the Ontario Energy Board regarding proposed changes in the distribution rates Hydro One charges their customers for low use secondary service on their property.

As you can see from the enclosed correspondence my secondary distribution rate would be nearly \$400.00 per year for usage of approximately 1200 KWH for my guest cabin.

I oppose Hydro One's application to the Ontario Energy Board for approval to change secondary service distribution rates and would appreciate your comments on this matter.

Yours truly,



Paul C. McLean

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July 2008



Mr Paul C McLean
Box 644
South River ON P0A 1X0

Account #: 8604009572

Dear Mr Paul C McLean,

Important information about your electricity account

Hydro One is seeking Ontario Energy Board (OEB) approval to change the distribution rates that we charge our customers.

As you know, you are being charged a special rate for a secondary account on your property. The low use secondary service rate consists of only a monthly distribution volume charge. It was introduced in 1996 to mitigate the impact of a change in our rate structure at that time.

We are seeking to reduce the number of rate classes we administer to reduce administration costs and create efficiencies. Accordingly, we are asking for OEB approval to eliminate this rate and eventually move your account to the general service rate class, which carries a monthly distribution service charge and a distribution volume charge.

To lessen the impact to your bill, we are proposing to the OEB to implement the distribution service charge over a five-year period. At the end of five years, after a stepped increase in the service charge each year, the low use secondary service rate would be eliminated and you would be paying the same rate as other customers with a second service.

The table below shows the current and proposed Delivery rates for 2008 and 2012 - the end of the five year phase-in.

	2007 Delivery Rates	Proposed 2008 Delivery Rates	Proposed 2012 Delivery Rates
Distribution service charge (\$/month)	\$0	\$6.19	\$30.97
Distribution volume charge (c/kWh)	2.55c - 3.43c ⁴⁶	3.42c	3.42c

⁴⁶ The Distribution Volume Charge varies by rate classification only for the 2007 Delivery Rates. For residential, seasonal and single phase general service accounts it is 3.43c per kWh, for single phase farm accounts it is 2.55c per kWh and for three phase farm and three phase general service accounts it is 3.27c per kWh.

Our rate application will undergo rigorous regulatory review before the OEB approves new Delivery rates. This will affect the Delivery line on your bill. We do not expect to have new Delivery rates until sometime this fall. We will let you know once the OEB has made a decision.

For more information on our rate application, go to www.HydroOneNetworks.com and select Regulatory Affairs/2008 Distribution Rate Application/Exhibits. See Exhibit G1, Tab 2, Schedule 6 – Low Use Secondary Customer Rate Consideration.

You may want to hire a contractor to change your metering connection

Depending on where your buildings are situated on your property, you may be able to change your current metering point to either a central metered service or a sub-feed service and avoid paying a separate service charge.

The cost for either option will vary and may be upwards of \$2,000. You can investigate the feasibility and the cost of Hydro One's portion of the work by calling our Customer Communications Centre and requesting a site visit to review either a central metered or sub-feed service. After this request is made, you will be contacted by a local representative to arrange a visit to your property.

If you decide to change your metering connection, we recommend for your safety that you hire a qualified electrical contractor or electrician to do the work. You must comply with all applicable laws, including but not limited to the Ontario Electrical Safety Code. Since only our staff can move or remove our meter(s), there may be some Hydro One charges for this work.

Another alternative that may be applicable in some cases is to remove the power to the second service if you no longer require the electricity. This can be arranged for free by calling our Customer Communications Centre and requesting a service cancellation.

If you have any questions, please call our Customer Communications Centre at 1-866-543-8031. Our office hours are Monday to Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Sincerely,



Myles D'Arcey
Senior Vice-President, Customer Operations
Hydro One Networks Inc.