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The Ontario Energy Board  
P.O. Box 2319  
2300 Yonge Street  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada  
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Attention: Customer Relations

Subject: Proposed changes to hydro rates for Cottagers

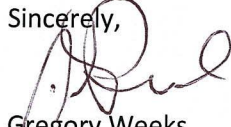
I am writing to you on behalf of the 550 families who occupy properties in Harcourt Park, which is a resort community located in Haliburton County.

Because most of the residents of Harcourt Park are seasonal or part time residents, the proposed changes to hydro rates may have a considerable impact on the cost of maintaining our properties. In addition to this, since our community has, over the last 60 years, been a large contributor to the local economy, if increases are put into place this will no doubt take a toll on the amount of disposable income that could otherwise be spent in the area.

During the past election, the Government made a commitment to Ontarians to lower hydro bills by 12%. This was very welcome, given that Ontario now pays one of the highest rates in Canada. However, the proposed changes to hydro pricing for cottagers seems to contradict the Government's promise since it could significantly increase the cost of electricity for this portion of the population

The Board of Directors of Harcourt Park and our 550 Member families wish to inform the OEB that we are opposed to any changes that increase rates for seasonal use customers.

Sincerely,

  
Gregory Weeks,  
President, Harcourt Park Inc.

CC. The Honourable Laurie Scott MPP  
Mayor for the Municipality of Dysart, et al Andrea Roberts  
The Federation of Cottager Associations