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Attention: Ms. Kristen Walli re: file number EB-2010-0253

Dear Ontario Energy Board Members,

This letter is being sent as a comment on the proposed Plateau Wind Project applied for by International Power Canada (IPC), Plateau Wind Inc. It specifically relates to the hearing to deal with the Road Use Agreement requested from The Municipality of Grey Highlands by IPC.

Wind turbines are a very expensive technology - easily more than double the cost of other technologies presently employed for the same purpose. Wind turbines offer a very marginal benefit in terms of reduction of CO2 since backup sources of generation (coal or gas) must be running in the background. Some issues that have not been properly addressed before any turbines were put in place are: the health and safety of those living near these structures, the economic impact to consumers, property value and aesthetic concerns.

In view of the above, why are the government of Ontario and the OPA proceeding with large scale wind turbine operations? Because of wind turbines, taxpayers and consumers of electricity are facing increases that are not at all necessary.

My own conclusion is that the driving force behind the Green Energy Act is greed. A relative few persons such as Mike Crowley et al associated with the wind power companies will benefit. Why else are the wind companies vying for the rights to put up wind turbines? The entire process appears to have been rigged for this purpose. This is corruption. When will the books be opened to account for the use of twenty-five or more billion dollars i.e. how much are these individuals receiving?

Why is the setback in the lake along the lakeshore in Toronto 5000 metres, while in rural locations it is 550 metres (or even no setback required according to MOE technical bulletin # 6)? The setback required by a recent act of parliament in the UK is a minimum of 1500 metres for a wind turbine having a hub height between 50 to 100 metres. What scientific studies have been properly done to establish a setback of 550 metres for Ontario? It appears that, in Ontario, the rules are arbitrarily changed so that there can be no effective challenge to the Green Energy Act and its consequences.

In March of 2009, then energy minister Smitherman said that the cost of electricity in Ontario would rise by about 1% per year. In the last year, my hydro bills per kwh have increased by more than 22%. Sometime this year there will no doubt be a further significant increase when "time-of-use" metering begins.

Although our property is adjacent to a property that is proposed to have a wind turbine installed as part of the Plateau Wind Project, we have received no information from IPC, Plateau Wind Inc.. Specifically, we received no Notice of Application, no location map or no copy of the Application. In view of the above, please consider not allowing any road use agreement to be completed before these concerns have been properly addressed. Thank-you.

Sincerely,
Timothy Phillips,