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EB-2011-0024

Letter of Comment

Attached are the 7 copies as required for written submission of my letter of comment pertaining to EB2011-0024, to be filed with your proceedings.

Trusting this is satisfactory.

Sincerely,

Cinzia Scalabrini
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[REDACTED] I urge you to consider this hearing that I am much in favour of with respect to the re-routing of the planned pipeline proposed by Enbridge on Lloydtown Aurora Road. I came about to know of this project by accident during 2010 municipal election time, when individuals participating to said election exposed to me the facts. I have investigated, searched and researched this matter and recognized that evidence before me demonstrate, notwithstanding the negative socio-economic impacts and safety risks, Enbridge chose Lloydtown Aurora Road as the preferred route to connect the Gate Station at 4955 Lloydtown-Aurora Road to the power plant at 18781 Dufferin Street based on the economical factor choosing this route to save few bucks. Furthermore The Ontario Energy Board, in the previous hearing, did not find this matter to bear any grave importance granting the reconsideration of this project. Moreover the eloquent Mr. Scott Stoll gets paid by Enbridge to indicate to the Ontario Energy Board that this project is in fact being brought forward in the name of “public interest” and that we (the residents alongside Lloydtown-Aurora Road) do not represent the public interest and that we are the sacrificial lambs that have to be considered casualty for the greater good in the event of an explosion. There is no comparison between the case of *Union Gas v. Dawn (Township)* (1977), 15 O.R. (2d) 722, 2 M.P.L.R. 23 (Div. Ct.) and our case.

Following is the list of concerns relating this project:

1. Risks to residents – The project is at the end of our driveways (less than 30m). The route is **densely** populated with homes (homes on each side of the road and on the adjacent branching roads), a public school, a group home and two gas stations. No contingency plans have been drawn/made/evaluated. Emergency vehicles will not be able to reach the affected- area in the event of an emergency. Please see the Safety Hazards reports presented in January 2010 *Natural Gas Pipeline Rupture/Fire*, Dr. Charles Rhodes, P.Eng., Ph.D. - 100% casualty's rate should an explosion occur.
2. Route selection - Enbridge screened 10 alternate routes and narrowed it down to Route4 and Route5 (Lloydtown Aurora Road). As per Enbridge website: “Based on the criteria laid out in section 5.2.2 Route4 has the least socio-economic impact on the surrounding area. Route4 will traverse the least number of driveways. In addition, Route4 parallels the least amount of potentially contaminated area and has the least amount of groundwater wells within 200, of the proposed pipeline route”. Despite these facts, however, Lloydtown-Aurora Road (Route5) was chosen as the preferred route, because, as per the same section on the Enbridge website, “Route 5 has the least amount of specimen trees along its route and crosses the least amount of known municipal/agricultural drains”. As mentioned before, costs and environment concerns have been chosen over socio-economic factors. Enbridge has price tagged our heads!

3. Property value – the value of our homes will definitively not be able to gain the same equity over time alike in the event of being free and clear from this project. Insurance premium will arise as well.
4. Public interest – this project is not in the public interest. There is no actual need for this new Peaker Plant and Pipeline, the true need is in the distribution of gas not in the new production. Ontario is a large exporter of utilities.
5. Right to safety and peace of mind – Past project involving the same application have proven to be extremely dangerous. There are many factors that will compromise this high pressure gas pipeline (16in pipe, 650psi). This is not a Barbie pipeline!! Lloydtown-Aurora Road is a heavily traveled by many heavy vehicles and commuters looking to connect with HWY400, HWY27 and HWY 9: School Buses, Heavy Farm Equipments, Heavy Road Maintenance, Heavy Snow Ploughing, and Hydro Repairs vehicles, Weather Conditions, Water table (freezing, thawing and water table processes will cause the pipe to shift) etc. will affect the pipeline and will lead to disaster. It is just a matter of time. E.g. the San Bruno disaster, the Milton explosion etc. These accidents generated loss of lives, injuries and damages where only a small pipe delivering gas to the homes was involved. Please take a moment to realize the magnitude of an explosion involving a high pressure pipe of 16in pipe, 650psi such as the proposed one for Lloydtown-Aurora Road. Would you want to move here? Would you want to live here? If the answer is no, than why should we? Why a project like this is forked down our throats? Is this democracy? Is everybody at Enbridge and at OEB willing to assume their personal and professional responsibilities in the event of a catastrophe? Enbridge has placed a value on our heads and the regulating bodies are allowing it!

I STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS PROJECT AND APPEALING TO THE OEB WITH MY COMMENT LETTER TO HAVE THE HEARING.

THIS ALSO REPRESENT MY TRUTHFUL DECLARATION THAT NO ONE REPRESENTING ENBRIDGE, NOR THEIR AGENTS OR EMPLOYEES HAD EVER INFORMED ME OR NOTIFIED ME OR CONTACTED ME OR MY FAMILY REGARDING THIS PROJECT WHICH I WOULD HAVE OPPOSED AT A MUCH EARLIER TIME.

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