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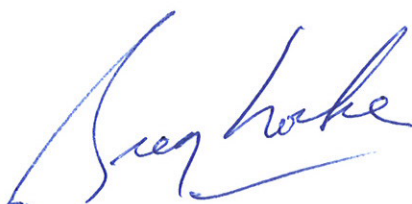
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EB-2011-0024
Letter of Comment

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

Trusting this is satisfactory.

Sincerely,



Greg Locke



As a resident Schomberg, a village nearby the planned pipeline route, I support this Motion for Leave to, "Bring A Motion To Review And Motion To Review And Vary The Board's Decision In EB-2009-00187 And Procedural Order No. 1".

In summary, I support a re-routing of the planned pipeline proposed by Enbridge that is planned to pass through this residential community. Despite negative socio-economic impacts and safety risks, Enbridge chose this route as the preferred route for the construction of this high pressure 16-inch, 650PSI gas pipeline. This facility will connect the Gate Station at 4955 Lloydtown-Aurora Road and the power plant at 18781 Dufferin Street. If this pipeline project is to proceed, I believe it is imperative that a re-routing, substantially away from this residential area and in particular, the Kettleby public school, be ordered.

RISKS TO RESIDENTS: There are significant safety risks to facilities of this nature which have been recognized in other jurisdictions throughout North America, but not in Ontario. Setbacks for this facility are inadequate and expose this community to serious harm should there be a rupture and explosion. These accidents do happen, that recent incidents in the media have only reinforced. Further, Private Member Bill 8 attempts to address setbacks for natural gas generating stations but does not go far enough to define further setbacks to the facilities that fuel them.

ROUTE SELECTION: Enbridge has not been transparent in its route selection process. It must be compelled to demonstrate why human safety was weighted less than the economic and environmental criteria it (apparently) used in its analysis. If it cannot, then it should be incumbent upon Enbridge to select a route that values human safety properly, e.g., one avoiding residential and institutional areas.

PUBLIC INTEREST: The OEB improperly "approved" the pipeline prior to the York Energy Centre being "approved". The latter was a result of the Province's removal of the Planning Act to negate King Township and my community's resistance to it. But this occurred *after* the pipeline's approval. The Province has grossly violated respect for its own rules and municipal institutions in order to force this generating facility, and companion supply pipeline, on an unwilling host community. Poor planning and communications on the part of the Province and Enbridge is not the responsibility of King Township residents.

RIGHT TO SAFETY: Enbridge claims that the pipeline will never operate at the pipeline's rated 650 PSI maximum pressure. As time goes on, changing circumstances can, and will, bring higher pressures to bear on this line, long after the community will have a memory of the risks. YEC may expand its capacity and/or become a non-peaking (full-time) generator; also, demand for natural gas services from present and future industrial and commercial facilities who may tap into the line will require an increase in pipeline pressure to service the increase in required capacity. Thus the pressure well may approach a dangerous level not properly represented at its inception by Enbridge or the TSSA.

I do not want this facility in my community. We all have a right to safety and I urgently demand that this pipeline be re-routed at the expense of Enbridge and/or York Energy Centre, the beneficiary of this facility.

Greg Locke

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