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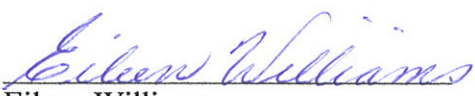
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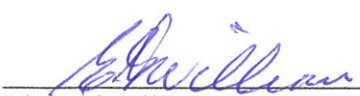
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Attached are the 7 copies of our Letter of Comment regarding file EB2011-0024.

Trusting this is satisfactory,

Sincerely,


Eileen Williams


Elwood Williams



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Eileen & Elwood Williams submit a Letter of Comment

As residents of Pottageville for the past 37 years, we strongly support a Hearing in favour of a Re-routing of the proposed 16 inch, high pressure pipeline that Enbridge plans to install along the Lloydtown-Aurora Rd.

The route that was selected poses serious threats to all residents, not only along the Lloydtown-Aurora Road, but also to the many other homes in the vicinity.

When this route was selected, was there knowledge of a Public School, a Group Home and the two Gas Stations that are less than 30 meters from the proposed Pipeline?

Are the specimen trees and the municipal/agricultural drains along Route 4 (the other alternate route) more important than human lives?

There are many other concerns such as our wells, the devaluation of our property and the disturbance to our surrounding Wetlands.


How can Enbridge assure us that a disaster will not occur? Please read an attachment to this letter that will give an insight as to how competent they are in dealing with a small residential pipe. This type of thing does not instill confidence in their ability to ensure our safety.


A big concern should also be the Fiber Optics Communication Transmission cables that service our entire country. These cables happen to be buried across the road from us on the property south of us & where incidentally, as per the attached, is where Enbridge was about to dig when we hooked up to gas.

This proposed pipeline will destroy this community. No one should have to live with this type of fear on a daily basis and for the rest of our lives, especially when there is an alternative.

We appreciate your consideration in this matter,

Thank you,


Eileen Williams


Elwood Williams



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Approx. 3 years after the Gas Pipeline was installed along the Lloydtown-Aurora Rd. to service the homes in Pottageville, we decided to install a gas furnace in our home.

We made the arrangements for the gas hook-up.

One day I noted a Gas Vehicle out in front of our property & a man walking along the SOUTH side of the road with a Gasline detector, trying to find the main Gasline.

I approached him & said I was the person requesting the hook-up, and that the main line was on the NORTH side of the road. He informed me that it was not, as his map indicated it was on the SOUTH side.

About 10 minutes later, I told him that if he came over onto my property on the NORTH side, I could show him exactly where the line was laid.

He came over; I pointed to the area; he turned on his machine and the machine started beeping; indicating the line was there. He asked how did I know it was there. Told him I was here when the digging was done to install the Line, & also you could see where the trees had been removed from the property west of us, so the Gasline could be installed. He then painted a square on the grass & informed me that this is where they would hook our line into the main line in the next 2-3 days.

When the work crew arrived, they went to the SOUTH side of the road, looking for the painted area to hook up. I went out & told them it was across the road on my property.

They said no---their survey maps indicated it to be on the SOUTH side.

After several more minutes, I showed them the painted square over on my property.

They couldn't believe this & said they wouldn't start until a Supervisor came & straightened this out as they didn't have a pipe detector machine with them.

A while later the Supervisor arrived, checked his maps, used his machine & the crew dug the hole where I had earlier showed them & they hooked up the Gas pipeline from the main to our home.

The Supervisor thanked me for my help & showed me his survey map indicating that the pipeline was on the SOUTH side. He said he would have to report this to have the correction made for future use & have other crews informed about this, as well as Head Office.


On May 26, 2009, I attended an information meeting held in Ansnorveldt regarding the proposed 16 inch Pipeline. After the meeting I was looking at the maps of the different routes proposed for the pipeline & spoke to some of the Enbridge representatives.

I asked them if the Lloydtown-Aurora Rd. is chosen as the route, on what side of the road would the Pipeline be laid? They didn't know, so I asked them if they could show me on the maps what side the existing pipeline to supply our homes was on.

They were unable to determine which side, as the Survey maps did not indicate what side.

After all these years, the survey maps have obviously not been corrected.

Sincerely,


Elwood Williams