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RE: Interrogatory: EB-2011-0063: Application for Leave to Construct Transmission Facilities for Grand Renewable Wind LP

Dear Mr. Lee:

Please accept this interrogatory, as I respectfully attempt to contribute to this proceeding as a layman.

My concerns and questions, as they relate to matters that fall within the jurisdiction of the Ontario Energy Board, are not related to a specific section of the application, and are as follows:

In previous correspondence with GRWLP officials, I was told that constructing the transmission line above ground on poles was less expensive than placing it underground. I believe that there are far too many variables related to aerial construction in this case for you to be able to determine the final cost. Construction standards have yet to be agreed upon with all stakeholders. In a similar project (Summerhaven), it has been proposed that the transmission line be built entirely on private land, completely clear of existing and future electrical facilities. Until agreements are in place with all stakeholders, it is still possible that construction standards may force the transmission line away from current municipal lands and existing easements. If this is the case, cost to construct will be much higher. **Excessive construction costs will be passed on to residents through higher energy prices I believe.** I don't believe that you can accurately determine the cost to construct above ground at this time.

By contrast, cost to construct a buried facility will be relatively fixed I believe. With a narrower corridor required, and very little opposition to this construction method apparent, the cost should be much easier to determine accurately.

- 1. Can you please provide your specific cost comparison between buried and aerial construction methods?
- 2. Can you please identify all of the cost variables related to construction that you have considered?
- 3. How will excessive costs due to project variables be financed?

I believe that my questions are relevant to this proceeding, and relate to matters that fall directly within the jurisdiction of the Ontario Energy Board.

Kind Regards,

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