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To: BoardSec
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Subject: File No.EB-2012-0365
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To The Board,

I would like to request the status of **“Commenter”** and **“Observer”**

As a Commenter I wish to make the following known to the Board.

I have attended all three of the public meetings in the three counties affected by the Project and I have personally voiced my concerns to Dufferin Wind Power. I would like to reiterate the issues as I see them for me personally:

This project and in particular the 230kV power line is a serious problem for me and my family. My home is built only 60 feet from the center of the existing Rail Line, by that I mean that the back of my house is only 60 feet from this old rail line. I believe mine is the closest residence that there is to the power line over the entire length.

The topography of the land behind my house is a hill rising up from my back door approximately 12 feet in elevation to a planting of trees at the top. The other side of this hill is a very steep incline down to the rail bed which is perhaps 12 feet wide. On the opposite side of the rail bed is another steep incline to the top of another hill on my neighbours property.

This means that there is no possible way that the power line can be set-back off the rail bed without impacting the steep walls of this “ravine”.

Any possibility of an overhead power line here would place it in my back yard and this is totally unacceptable to me as a current resident of Melancthon.

Even the fact that the vegetation under the power line would be cut back would mean that the hill would be cut down breaking the current privacy that the hill brings. I would be looking almost directly at the rail line with all the existing ATV and Snowmobile traffic now using the trail.

At present this hill provides some privacy and elimination of noise from these vehicles and that is also important to me and my family.

If the residents of Shelburne town can have the power line buried through the town to minimize, or eliminate any impact on not only the school but the houses as well, then my situation should also qualify for a buried line.

If a buried line at this location is not being considered then I object to the route and the impact and effect on my house.

I do not support any approval from the board for this power line.

I would demand that an alternative route be examined at a more appropriate and safer location, impacting even less residents. Take the power line through agricultural property where there are no residential houses.

I am extremely concerned about the EMF and Corona effects of this high voltage power line as I am a current Cancer patient at Sunnybrook and I do not need any additional effect on my body to increase my problems. I value my life and country living and I already have some 13 windmills to the west of me with sufficient noise levels when it is just a little windy from the blades cutting the wind. I also do not subscribe to the beliefs that there are no proven effects. These facilities need much more study with respect to real family practitioner doctors patient impacts currently experienced by local residents from existing wind farm projects. These issues are real and these people do not make these symptoms up they really do experience some serious issues and an independent study would provide evidence.

My second objection is relative to counter effects on persons with a pacemaker.

My brother-in-law has one and he comes to visit me for 3 weeks every year from the UK. With this overhead power line at my back door he could not visit my house again and this is highly inappropriate just because Dufferin Wind Power wants to build a power line down the rail corridor.

All possible effects to human health must be taken into consideration along with impacts to residents and property before any approval is given and if necessary mitigation for all these problems must be offered in a timely manner for all residents prior to the board agreeing to the continuation of this project.

If all this is not completed for all impacted residents then the Board must deny this application until it is satisfied that all measures of safety and mitigation have been dealt with.

The last, but not least effect on residents is that the property values within a windmill location or a high voltage power line will be reduced dramatically.

It is well documented and a matter of record in MLS listings that when the last set of windmills were placed in Melancthon, Ontario Hydro purchased several houses from residents who experienced serious health problems.

These properties were then resold approximately 2 years later by Ontario Hydro at a loss of anywhere from 26 to 46% of the original value.

It is also important to place on record that complete disclosure is necessary when selling a house within the boundaries of these installations, leaving buyers questioning why they should pay full price for problematic locations.

My house is currently for sale and in over seven weeks I have not had one enquiry for a showing, last week I reduced the price significantly in an attempt to sell and presently I am having no success. My realtor Scott Funston of Taylor Made Realty can confirm this.

Dufferin Wind Power should be making offers of mitigation to impacted residents for all the above issues prior to any board approval.

I therefore request the board to reject the proposal for the 230kV Power Line as inappropriate study and consultation with impacted residents has been performed and until such time as this is complete it is not acceptable to the residents of Melancthon and me personally.

Sincerely

Roy Thomas

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