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The following is a letter of comment re: the Dufferin Wind Power Leave to Construct Application to the OEB for a 230KV power line (OEB file #2012-0365)

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the above application. I am a co-owner of a property within 500 meters of the T1 turbine which is part of the Dufferin Wind Power Project.

My concerns centre around the following issues:

1. The region where the transmission lines are to be located typically experiences severe winter storms, including heavy snowfall, high winds, and ice build-up. The transmission lines should be buried to ensure that they can consistently provide power to the grid under these extreme weather conditions.
2. Another reason to bury the transmission lines is to ensure public safety. A portion of the proposed route for the transmission lines follows an abandoned railway right of way, which is now a popular recreational trail used by hikers, cross-country skiers, snowmobilers, etc. This recreational trail is an important part of the local tourist economy. The overhead transmission lines will pose a hazard to those using these trails in all seasons.
3. I am concerned that the application for the transmission lines precedes the application for the Dufferin Wind farm itself. How would the transmission lines be used if the Dufferin Wind farm is not approved? Any approval of the transmission lines should be completely dependent on the approval of the Dufferin Wind farm project. The transmission line project should not go ahead without the full approval of the wind farm.

Sincerely,

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