

January 4, 2012

Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary,
Ontario Energy Board,
Box 2319, 27th Floor,
2300 Yonge Street,
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

RE: Varna Wind Inc. EB-2012-0442 Application for Leave to Construct

We are writing to request intervenor status regarding the above named project with Varna Wind Inc (Next Era Energy).

We are landowners on Lot 5 Conc. 2HRS, Lot S 5 Conc. 1HRS Tuckersmith and our farm abuts the HONI Seaforth transformer station to the north and the proposed 115 KV transmission line will run to the immediate west of our house (living quarters) and barn housing yearling calves and pregnant beef cattle (total 100). We are directly critically affected by this encroachment as the 33 foot easement requested by Varna Wind comes within 8 feet (less than 3 metres) from the front of our house and the barn at 31 feet from the edge of the municipal road allowance is 2 feet within the easement requested. Needless to say we have not signed an easement agreement with them as it is completely unacceptable and detrimental to us.

This is a fifth generation Century Farm and the Oldfields are the original settlers on this section of the Huron Tract. The location of the barn and house have not changed since the original settling in 1845. We existed here long before power lines came into being and we are disturbed that through no fault of ours Hensall road will become a power corridor with possibly higher voltage lines running to the Seaforth HONI station in future directly past our home and barn.

We understand that electricity is a necessary part of life but we feel that living in the shadow of these high voltage lines is a great health risk due to constant electromagnetic field issues, stray voltage, accidental breakage as well as decimating our home property value and the loss of trees and aesthetic components.

Because it will be impossible to change the route of power lines proposed now and in the future due to our proximity to the HONI station, we feel the need to ask for financial compensation for the relocation of our residence and cattle operation. As selling the farm and relocating elsewhere is not an option, we wish to rebuild a home, barn and implement shed on a location of our property, more remote from the power lines.

We understand that in the past concessions such as this have been made with "Ontario Hydro" when lines needed to go through an area with existing buildings- property owners have received financial compensation for buildings that needed to be destroyed and rebuilt.

Our request is that Varna Wind (Next Era) pay us to rebuild a house, barn and shed on an area of our property away from proposed lines. We will be prepared to submit a statement itemizing costs of rebuilding.

Thank you for your attention.

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