

Comment to the Ontario Energy Board
Board File # EB-2012-0442

We are opposed to the granting of the approval of easement agreement (the "Transmission Agreement".)

As land owners we are granted access to our property but with the larger equipment we are sometime forced to use the road allowance. The landscaping may only allow us to use certain parts of the road allowance. We use the road allowance to minimize the damage that could be caused to our equipment, to our road and public safety. We are concerned about the new poles limiting our access to our property. Sometimes the road access that is granted to us is not in the best interest of public safety. Concerns being, top or bottom of a hill, deep ditches ect.

There are many dairy operations on the proposed transmission line route that have built their business on the profitability of their milk production. Because of the uncertainty of the risk of EMF(stray voltage), if this easement is granted it will increase the potential risk of stray voltage entering our very sensitive livestock. This could affect the livelihood of not only the residents on the proposed route but 20+ full and part time employees working on these dairy farms. And in some cases, affect 3 generations of dairy farmers.

If the applicant is concerned about doing the minimum amount of damage to the environment, woodlots, wildlife in the woodlots should they not have the same concerns about the Huron Centennial Public School children that will be playing with in 25 meters of the proposed line. We do not feel comfortable about having our children exposed to the potential risk for 10 years before they hit the age of 14.

We also have concerns with trees that will be destroyed. The maple tree is about as Canadian as you get. We even use the maple leaf on our flag as a signal of the Canadian heritage. They purify our air and slow down soil erosion. When a powerful force comes in and uproots kilometers of our country's scenic natural landscaping and replaces them with 80' poles just because they're in the way, not only are the residents affected but so are all the tourist visiting the countryside. Just ask the residents of Goderich, victims of a tornado, what it means to have the irreplaceable mature trees ripped down. It changes the whole identity of a beautiful town.

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