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## Ontario Energy Board File No. EB-2012-0442

I am filing a **Letter of Comment** regarding Varna Wind Inc. - Application for Leave to Construct Transmission Facilities in Huron County.

I attended the first public information meeting hosted by Nextera in December, 2010. I noticed the reps present kept referring to "your government". I asked why the reference was always "your government" rather than "our government". The answer I received was that "your government" wants wind energy and we think it is great because it gives us free hydro or cheap hydro. The impact of their answer was realized when upon leaving I noticed the high proportion of USA licenced plates in the parking lot. At the meeting, I noticed a very high police presence. This is something that we are not used to at all. This is telling me that Nextera is very aware that their project does not have public support.

The last Provincial Election results clearly indicates that rural Ontario, the people most affected by wind turbines, do not support our Provincial government's initiative. Even the rural Cabinet Ministers lost their seats.

This project is being pushed through way too fast. Nextera has filed a "Notice of Application for Leave to Construct" before all necessary approvals and permits have been obtained from the Municipalities affected and from other government agencies. In Nextera's submission, they indicate ongoing negotiations with some landowners. How can we approve a project when all the details are not known. I do not write blank cheques.

The question of "Carbon Credits" has never been addressed to my satisfaction. Is Nextera taking advantage of my available carbon credits if I consent to their contracts?

I personally live on the proposed transmission route. The lives of the people living in the area, of the project, will be forever affected by the presence of the wind turbines and the transmission lines. Why can Nextera not at least show us the courtesy of awaiting the results of the Federal Government's Health Study?

Huron County's prime agricultural lands should be preserved for agricultural use. Wind turbines should be restricted to lower class lands.

Wind energy under the current political powers could be in it's infancy. I want assurances, that this proposed transmission line, does not become the first step to this route becoming a major power corridor.

I have safety concerns over the additional poles and wires along the road.

There was an Article in the London Free Press, dated January 7, 2013, "Chainsaw used to clear away bald eagle's home to make way for wind turbine in Haldimand County." Nextera took down the nest as horrified onlookers snapped photographs. "The incident already has drawn outrage from environmentalists in Ontario and even in the United States." Where do you draw the line? Are you willing to destroy all of our natural environment in order to accommodate wind power?

A recent newspaper article in the National Post dated November 11, 2012, stated that on October 28, 2012 was the windiest day of the year. Wind turbines running at 85% capacity produced more than 1450 MW and Ontario was exporting almost the exact same amount at an 80% discount to what it had to pay. In other words, there was no renewable energy from wind being added to the grid but at an enormous cost to all of the taxpayers in the Province of Ontario. Why do we want to rush our losses?

I feel that Nextera is doing nothing but mocking us in every step they take.

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