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GUIDELINE FOR LETTERS OF COMMENT TO OEB
K2 WIND POWER PROJECT
ASHFIELD COLBORNE WAWANOSH

K2 Wind Ontario has now applied to the Ontario Energy Board for leave to construct a substation, transformer station and 230 KV transmission line in Ashfield Colborne Wawanosh. If approved by the OEB, this will be a major step towards the construction of the proposed K2 Wind Project of 138 turbines in Ashfield Colborne Wawanosh. However, this is also a further opportunity for concerned citizens to submit their comments and objections with respect to the proposed wind project.

This information has been put together to assist concerned citizens in commenting on the proposed K2 Wind Project. Please feel free to use the following guideline to help in drafting your Letter of Comment if you wish to submit one.

DEADLINE: All letters must be received by the OEB by 4:45 p.m. February 21, 2013. They are not obligated to consider anything received after this time. Please ensure that your letter is submitted well in advance of this time. Ideally it could be faxed or e-mailed to the Ontario Energy Board. Keep a copy for your records.

Contact Information: Letters should include the file number **EB-2012-0458** and should be addressed to:

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

RE: EB-2012-0458

Fax #: 416-440-7656

E-mail: boardsec@ontarioenergyboard.ca

Identification: Please state your name and, if applicable, identify yourself as a resident of ACW Township.

Issues/Concerns: There are many concerns with respect to wind turbine developments as they are being proposed for our province. Unfortunately, the scope of issues which the OEB will look at is very narrow. Only the following areas will be considered by the OEB when deciding if the proposed project is in the public interest:

1. The interests of consumers with respect to prices and the reliability and quality of electricity service; and
2. Where applicable and in a manner consistent with the policies of the Government of Ontario, the promotion of the use of renewable energy sources.

Concluding Remarks: The following is an example of a concluding statement. Feel free to use it:

*I trust that my input will be given serious consideration by the OEB when considering the proposed K2 Wind Project. I strongly object to this project.
In light of my concerns, I therefore ask that Leave to Construct for this project not be granted at this time.*

Signature & Address: Your letter should be signed. Under your signature print your name, mailing address and e-mail address.

Remember letters must be received by the OEB by **4:45 p.m., February 21, 2013** to be considered.

Sample Letters: An example of a Letter of Comment is attached. Please feel free to use any of the wording if it works for you.

Thank you for your participation in this process. Every voice counts.

SAMPLE LETTER of COMMENT

Date

*Secretary
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RE: EB-2012-0458 K2 Wind Power Project, Ashfield Colborne Wawanosh

My name is Jim Hogan. I am a ratepayer of the township of Ashfield Colborne Wawanosh **and/or (please clarify for the Board)** a resident of the Province of Ontario and therefore a stakeholder with an interest and voice in all provincial matters. I strongly object to the K2 Wind Project of 138 turbines which is being proposed for Ashfield Colborne Wawansoh. The impact that this project would have on ACW would be immense. This issue has galvanized and unified communities throughout rural Ontario to fight this unjustifiable economic boondoggle. I am united with citizens of Ontario who object to the imposition of such a poorly conceived and implemented energy policy. This is not the way in which to move our province towards more renewable energy production.

ACW is one of the most productive agricultural areas of the province and should be used for agriculture. Our province is currently sitting in a surplus power situation. We simply don't need these turbines at this time. Increasingly, the province is dealing with situations where the energy demand is low but wind production is high. This results in surplus power which has to be exported at very low prices. All of this is paid for by the taxpayers of this province. Every turbine project approved makes this situation worse. Citizens are being asked to shoulder a huge economic burden for unnecessary energy production. This completely undermines the intent of producing green energy and is contrary to the public interest.

I also object to the inevitable devaluation of property, which will occur once the turbines become operational. Data being released from MPAC for Wolfe Island shows that 78 properties have been devalued by the turbine project there, some by up to 40%. In the Shelburne area residents have been denied financing on properties affected by nearby turbines. It is unacceptable for the residents of our province and ACW to have the value of one of their most important assets stolen without compensation and then be asked to pay exorbitant electricity rates to fund that theft.

I also object to the proposed 230 KV transmission line being buried on a public road allowance. There are enormous safety risks from such a high voltage line being located on public land and under municipal drains. This is a risk to which the public should not be exposed.

In light of all these concerns, I therefore respectfully ask that this project not be granted Leave to Construct. I also support the request for Intervenor Status made on February 1st by a group of ratepayers and landowners from Ashfield Colborne Wawanosh.

Name/Signature Jim Hogan

Address

E-mail Address