

Comment addendum: Project file # EB-2012-0470

To: Kirsten Walli, Ontario Energy Board, Board Secretary
cc: Glen Tomkinson, Hamilton Solar Farm Partnership

Re: Response to letter from Glen Tomkinson, Hamilton Solar Farm Partnership
Dated February 28, 2013 Project File # EB-2012-0470

Date: March 4, 2013

Dear Ms. Walli,

Thank you for considering my comments of February 22, 2013. In response to the reply from Mr. Tomkinson cited above, I would like to clarify.

1. Our only direct contact with principals in the solar farm approval process was with the applicant, Hamilton Solar Farm Partnership. We attended the two Public Meetings and spoke with the applicant, who subsequently agreed to requests for increased setbacks, adjustment of the Hydro transmission line's eastern boundary, and position of perimeter hedge. My Comment of February 22nd referred to the lack of channels (other than the applicant) by which to express opposition to the project. The Green Energy Act legislation precluded communication from and with concerned ratepayers and/or our elected township representatives. Responsibility for this exclusion lies with our provincial politicians.

2. Secondly, with respect to the outdated and questionably accurate soil survey used to determine eligibility of the farmland in question, there was certainly no suggestion of regulatory non-compliance on the part of the applicant. Despite having an OMAFRA Class IV (Non-Prime Agriculture) Land Inventory Rating, evidence has shown that this site consistently yields a variety of crops. Our politicians favoured solar installations over agricultural sustainability, and produced the supporting legislation accordingly.

Thank you again for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Pamela Hambly

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