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We wish to comment on the application to construct electricity transmission lines.

We are strongly of the opinion that the application should be rejected.

This project, and the wind turbines it serves, are most definitely not in the interests of consumers with respect to both the prices and reliability of electricity service.

a) Prices

The government has guaranteed that the supplier will receive, for 20 years, a fee per kwh that is far in excess of the current and projected price for alternative options, in particular natural gas, which promises to be available for at least one hundred years.

b) Reliability

It is obvious that the supply of electricity from wind turbines is far from reliable. There exists no satisfactory method of storing wind generated electricity to use when winds are light. The only option to ensure reliability is to build back-up power sources, which greatly increases the real cost of wind power.

c) Other costs

Farm land is a valuable resource that is limited in supply. Land that is dotted with wind turbines is more difficult and costly to cultivate, especially with large modern equipment. Thus the cost of producing food is increased, to the detriment of the consumer.

Yours truly,

John and Suzanne Nuttall