

Wednesday, March 20, 2013

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD – Notice of application and hearing EB-2013-0031

The Board
P.O. Box 2319
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2300 Yonge Street
Toronto, ON, M4P 1E4

Attention: Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Walli:


Pursuant to the notice placed in the Tribune dated Monday, March 18, 2013 where Wainfleet Wind Energy Inc. (“Wainfleet Wind” or the “Applicant”) have requested a written hearing concerning their wind energy project for the Township of Wainfleet.

In response to this request we take objection to a hearing being conducted in this intended inappropriate manner. There are many questions and concerns that require several follow-up responses. There are just too many uncertainties and unknowns involving this proposal. It would appear that an attempt to bypass the criteria established by the Wainfleet Township representative of the people of Wainfleet who have revoked and rescinded your proposal to construct a 27.6kV underground distribution system for 5 turbines in our community. The Ontario Energy Board does not have the legal authority to intervene until an agreement is made between Wainfleet Wind and the Township.

We are well aware that the Wainfleet Wind Energy Inc. (Loeffen Farms on Hwy. 3 in Wainfleet) who have partnered with Rankin Construction and another Wainfleet private landowner are not interested in hearing our voices. They want to hide behind lawyer’s letters and closed hearings. Can you tell us why they want a written hearing? Is it due to the fact that they cannot face their neighbours? Is it because they are unable to come out and tell us that they wish to destroy our landscape and our entire way of life? What kind of men refuse to come out and face the people? What kind of a discussion is it when the other party doesn’t show up?

Therefore, we the townspeople of Wainfleet demand an oral hearing where we are able to address our concerns in an appropriate manner. It is our intention that this hearing should be

conducted the old fashioned way where men look each other in the eye and get straight forward answers to their questions with an opportunity for follow-up. This is far too important and the impact on our community is far too great for this to be hidden in writing and behind closed doors.

Signed, David and Katherine Pilon, 

Copies to:

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