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Attn: Board Secretary 
Ontario Energy Board
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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to provide comments and ask a few questions about the Cochrane Solar Project and Transmission Line. We own property in Clute Township at Lower Deception Lake. We are breaking our concerns and questions into categories.

1. The Transmission Line

This is our biggest objection. We feel locating a site 20KM from a connection point is absurd. The residents get nothing out of this except to look at it, installed on a road allowance that we are not sure can even be used as a route for transmission lines.

Are all the required right of ways, easements and construction permits in place to construct this line? If not, might your meeting be for naught?

2. Cost to Ratepayers and Taxpayers

In a province that has a high cost for hydro does it make sense to add generation that is the most expensive?

If the subsidy did not exist would Northland Power be building this project? If the answer to this questions is no, then this should be an indication of project viability.

Will the contracted subsidy be sustainable for 20 years? This is a long contract that the taxpayers may not be able to afford. Take into consideration another recession and the loss of more industry, along with conservation by households as the price of hydro escalates in the next few years. In this fragile economy, please think about the industries, small businesses and people who live in your neighborhoods and the impact this will have on them. Ask them about their hydro costs.

The 10% rebate on our bills is appreciated by everyone, but in essence this is our own money coming back to us via taxpayer dollars.

3. Reliability of Solar Power

We have nothing against solar power if installed in a proper application, such as private use, malls, schools, industry, farms and homes. There are savings to be realized in those situations. We feel commercial application is not a viable solution to hydro generation.

The intermittent generation should be an issue to this board. Generation could start and stop a number of times in one day. Generation should be available 24-7 and be able to adjust to varying load demands.

4. Jobs

We realize that jobs are created by these projects. Did the cost /benefit study that was done support the project? Should a new study be done since we are 4 years into the Green Energy Act?

In conclusion we understand that the reduction of CO2 emissions is a noble effort, but does not mean much in the scheme of things when you look at the emissions output worldwide. We plan to take action on our own hydro use by taking conservation seriously and removing major appliance loads off the grid. This should save us 30% on hydro use.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter. A response to the address listed below providing us with your thoughts and opinions would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

Thomas and Jeanne Bailor

[Redacted Address]