

April 20, 2013

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

Dear Ms. Walli:

RE: Varna Wind Inc. EB-2012-0442 Application for Leave to Construct

In reference to Varna Wind Interrogatories we submit the following responses to their questions.

Oldfield Interrogatories Reference - Page 1 Paragraph 2: Our barn wall is 9 m. from the edge of the municipal right-of-way. Using this information, we request the correction of the record regarding the table published on March 4, 2013, submitted by Varna Wind in response to Board Staff Interrogatory #10. Table indicates that the closest barn along the route is 18 m. which should state 9 m.

Oldfield Interrogatories Reference - Page 1 Paragraph 3: If you say that 2.51 m. is the calculation based on Canadian Standards, then your math is likely correct.

As a comment to OEB and OPA and HONI – the CSA rules and regulations are in place and we are subject to them, however we feel our strong concerns that we will be situated too close to the lines for safety reasons, are valid. The allowed 2.51 metre distance of a 115 KV line in proximity to buildings housing humans or animals should be considered completely unacceptable and unsafe. The recent ice storm of April 12, 2013, which affected our vicinity of Huron and Perth Counties, should serve to demonstrate to those in authority, the absolute danger of transmission lines placed within 30 metres of buildings. Many homeowners were trapped inside their homes for many hours because they were literally surrounded by live wires, when the ice and wind toppled poles like toothpicks. An F1 tornado in Southwestern Ontario on April 18, 2013 downed power lines as well. These are not unique occurrences in our part of the country due to winter and summer wind storms and traffic accidents. The endangerment to residents as well as hydro workers is well documented, as well as the costs of repair. These lines should be buried for safety to all. It is our request and sincere hope that the Canadian government will conscientiously consider changing these outdated and unsafe standards to protect its citizens from the dangers of high voltage power lines by either requiring all new or replacement lines to be buried in the vicinity of populated areas (using proper precautions to eliminate stray voltage) or ensuring that no buildings are located or newly constructed to within 30 metres of overhead transmission lines.

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