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LETTER OF COMMENT

Comments:

I need to comment on this project because the future of my township is hanging in the balance. We have been selected by the Niagara Region Wind Corp to become hosts to their 230 mw wind farm. And, because this project is so large, we are also expected to host the 115kv transmission line needed to transport the power generated by this wind farm. We did not ask for this, it was decided by NRWC, and Hydro one, the MOE, and MNR and OEB and more, that this project is good for ? Ontario? West Lincoln? Residents? you tell me!

This transmission line is being placed along the HO1 r.o.w along the homes of those of us who happen to live along the proposed transmission line. We will see loss of property value because of these lines, especially the home that are sited along the roadway with "normal" setbacks. We know that there can be serious health effects from having all this electrical energy being carried past our homes, we know that the poles and residents are in grave danger should a traffic accident cause the poles and residents to meet. We know that ice storms can cause the lines to collapse. There is evidence that depression and suicide are caused by EMF, We know that electrostatic induction causes micro shocks to people riding a bike or walking with rubber boots in the vicinity of power lines. There is more evidence of why these transmission lines belong far away from people but I will not mention them here. I am certain that you are more aware of them than I.

That is why these transmission lines must be moved (or buried) , set back where they are at least 200M from our homes, not the 20-30m that is required by OEB for this project.

I believe there are close to 400, possibly more, individuals and families living along this transmission line, but nowhere in the proposed project literature do I read any concern for these residents. I can read all 430 pages of the project application and see no concern for residents other than the directly effected landowners. The concerns in that case are for the finances of the agreement not the health of those people either.

Our township has said that the lines must be buried for just this reason but NRWC has refused to bury the whole line because it is too expensive.

There should not be a price on the health and wealth of the residents of West Lincoln. These lines must be buried!

NRWC has said that they are not responsible for any payments for losses or health to our residents, but we were living here first, and they placed us in their wind farm, that makes them responsible for us. They must be prepared to accept responsibility for our future.

This proposed transmission line is also the responsibility of the Ontario Energy Board, and Hydro One, so you are responsible to see that it is sited safely. Placing it along the route that NRWC

chose is not responsible. There are alternate routes, which are much safer for residents and finances should not be a reason for making unsafe choices when it comes to the health and safety of the people of West Lincoln.

Thank you for the opportunity to express these very real concerns. I look forward to seeing the improvements that NRW will implement as a result of the publishing of my concerns and those of others..