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## **LETTER OF COMMENT**

### **Comments:**

Re: EB-2013-0203, the MOE claimed that the GEA would lead to "modest incremental increases in electricity bills of about 1% annually", yet in Nov, 2010 they forecast that a typical residential bill would rise about 7.9% annually over the next 5 yrs, with 56% of the increase due to investments in renewable energy. So we go from a 5% to a +40% increase. Wind generators operate at 28% capacity factor but have only 11% availability at peak demand due to lower wind output in the summer. On Aug. 16, 2013, according to the IESO Generator Output at 11:00 AM - a peak demand time - the capability of WIND was 1728 MW, but the output was 19 MW or 1.1%. Coal was virtually shut down with an output of 1 MW. Hydro, the greenest, cheapest renewable energy, had a capability of 7441 MW with an output of 4475 MW or 60% of the capability. Could hydro have been ramped up to provide another 19 MW to cover the contribution of WIND? Or couldn't imports from reliable traditional sources be implemented, as well as conservation efforts? We need to invest in traditional renewable energy sources like hydro and not wind. The Ontario gov't removed local decision-making with the GEA, which is not consistent with our democratic rights. Any government agency that approves the location of wind turbines 550 metres from residences is morally inept and disrespectful of fellow Ontarians.

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