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This application is in direct contravention of OEB's mandate to consider the interests of consumers with respect to prices and reliability and quality of service. OEB needs to review applications with a critical view towards ensuring that Ontarians have a reliable, stable energy system. Wind power can compromise reliability and stability and directly contravene the OEB's mandate of protecting the interests of consumers. Because wind power needs backup power generated from other energy sources to maintain a steady reliable output, consumers are paying for two electricity systems. So why is the OEB continuing to focus on systems that will compromise Ontario's electricity system?

According to the 2011 Auditor General's Report the GOAL is for consumers to get reliable, affordable and sustainable power and that any energy plan is economically prudent and cost-effective. Ontario is being put in the position of spilling water to reduce electricity supply. Because the overall cost to produce hydro power is often lower than that of all other types of power, reducing hydro power to "make room" for wind and solar is an expensive mitigation strategy, particularly as HYDRO, wind and solar power are all renewable energy sources.

The renewable energy initiative is driving industry out of our province due to increased energy costs, so it decreases job opportunities. Studies in other jurisdictions have shown that for every job created through renewable energy programs, about two to four jobs are often lost in other sectors of the economy because of higher electricity costs. The renewable energy initiative allows for profit - frequently multinational - corporations to control our energy resources. The renewable energy initiative is crippling our economy and will bankrupt this province.

Please, just do your job and protect the interests of Ontario's electricity consumers. Do NOT upgrade the high voltage transmission lines.

Respectfully submitted
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