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Dear Sir or Madam:

I would like to apply for intervenor status for the hearing about my farm being expropriated by Dufferin Wind file # EB 2013-0268 & EB 2013-0365.

This expropriation and removal of my woodlot would mean that my irrigation pivots could no longer operate. It would leave a portion of my farm not accessible to machinery. My cattle use the bush for shade from the summer heat and protection from the winter wind as they are fed on the leeward side each day in the winter. We have been growing seed potatoes and raising beef cattle here since 1920 and it would be a unnecessary waste of valuable resources and even Dufferin Wind agrees that they should have put the transformer station 3 ½ miles to the west in an old abanded gravel pit away from valuable farm land and homes. This would shorten the collection lines as well as the distribution line saving them a lot of money but they say the process of getting approvals to change would be to slow. The current site for the transformer station was originally designed for a double 69 KV line to travel down the road right of way. This line would have to be constructed by Hydro One where as the 230 KV line could be constructed by a private company greatly reducing the time of the construction, which in turn would get the power on line quicker.

Speed of Construction is very important for many reasons, the economy is booming in Southern Ontario and we are currently very short of electricity and need this power on line as quickly as possible, the Chinese government a major Shareholder of Dufferin Wind and other Chinese investors are very short of money and need this investment to start making money as soon as possible.

There will come a day when food will be important and people will be hungry. This project has been under design since 2006 and I think that taking time to do the job right, no matter how slow the government process is, will be the better choice.

95% of the complaints about the first Windmill project in our township had to do with overhead lines. As a result the local council requires that any new projects use underground

lines. Two more projects have been completed since and once the projects are completed and the roads fixed up rarely a complaint is heard. It was always the intention of the landowners and the original developer to follow these guide lines. I have agreed to an underground line on my farms without compensation and even offered to dig the trench for free.

Windmills have been a big contributor to revenue in our township. I realize that the provincial government of the day was trying to stimulate the economy and give the rural landowners another source of income to keep them competitive in a global marketplace when the fit programs were established. Many things have changed including the rules for Windmill Projects in the past nine years but I don't think that it was the intention of the government then or now to needlessly waste some of the best agriculture land in the province by shutting down a business in place since 1920, by a foreign country. In a few days when potato harvest is complete I would gladly give you a tour of the area and show first hand what you will be considering.

Why do a poor job, when a good one, would do.

Sincerely,

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