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**Re: Dufferin Wind Power Inc. ("DWPI")
Application for Authority to Expropriate Land to Construct, Operate and Maintain
Certain Transmission and Distribution Facilities
Board File No. EB-2013-0268**

From: Grant and Valerie Peterson



As an affected landowner, please consider the following comments during the hearing.

Our property is approximately 200m from the lands owned by Mark Atkinson which are identified as lands that DWPI has applied to expropriate.

This means that DWPI intends to construct a 230kv above ground power line about 200m from our home, WITHOUT OUR PERMISSION or any prior consultation.

This power line is NOT in the best interests of the public. Such close proximity of a high voltage power line to human beings, especially children is not acceptable. There are 3 children being raised at this address that will be exposed to high levels of EMF from the power line should it be built, which numerous studies have proven can increase the risk of childhood leukemia and can have other harmful effects.

Never once did any representative of DWPI attend our property and address our concerns regarding the power line.

We have contacted DWPI numerous times over the last 2 years regarding the unacceptable proximity of the power line, the turbines, and the substation to our home. The most recent attempt at contact was an email sent August 13, 2013. To date, there has been no response from DWPI.

It is not in the Canadian public interest for any of our land to be expropriated by a Chinese-owned company. China Longyuan Power Group Corp. Ltd would have full ownership of DWPI upon commissioning. There is no way that a foreign company should be allowed to expropriate Canadian soil and have ownership for 45 years purely for the company's own profits.

The DWPI project is NOT WANTED in this community.

- We ask that the Ontario Energy Board take note of the fact that Dufferin County has made a formal request to Premier Kathleen Wynne to terminate the project.
- Dufferin County has called for a moratorium on all overhead power lines connected to wind farms.
- The mayor of the Town of Shelburne has made the same request.
- The Town of Shelburne objects to the power line running through the town whether it is buried or not.
- DWPI has shown no regard for the opinions of the town council or the town residents and proposes to run a high voltage power line in very close proximity to an elementary school.
- The parent council objects to the power line and is very concerned about the EMF exposure to students as well as town residents.
- The Township of Melancthon has declared itself an 'UNWILLING HOST'.
- Hundreds of residents of both Melancthon township and Dufferin County have signed a petition opposing the DWPI industrial wind farm.
- Approximately 800 acres of prime agricultural land will be taken out of production if this wind farm is constructed.
- Numerous project participants are unhappy with the way staff of DWPI have dealt with them and their concerns regarding the placement of facilities on their properties. There is currently a case before the courts that, among other issues, addresses the fact that landowners were misled regarding the land lease agreements.
- Signs have been posted throughout Dufferin County that say 'STOP THE WIND FARM' and 'TURBINES DESTROY COMMUNITIES'. This is another way the public has expressed opposition to DWPI's wind farm including the proposed power line and those portions of it named for expropriation. DWPI employees have been caught and photographed removing these signs in an attempt to hide this visual aspect of the community's opposition.

The Energy Board must consider all of these facts during the hearing, as they do indeed relate to the public interest and are connected to the expropriation application.

DWPI could have chosen another route for the power line that would not have required expropriating any land from private landowners. The current route will result in the massive clear-cutting of hardwood forests, disruption of wetlands and therefore the destruction of wildlife habitats.

A portion of the lands noted for expropriation that belong to Mark Atkinson is hardwood bush that provides a windbreak for cattle, as well as a wildlife habitat. The power line's location here would result in clear-cutting. The open portion of this land would forever be ruined for agricultural production and grazing land.

Our property value will drop dramatically should the 230kv power line go on the Mark Atkinson property. The view-scape will be drastically affected as this location is to the south of our home. No matter what the wind industry has to say about property values, an open view versus hideous power poles and power lines is very different and will definitely affect a property's value.

As the OEB's goal is to provide reliable energy at a reasonable cost, it would not be in keeping with that goal to approve this expropriation. More and more studies have proven that wind energy is costly and inefficient and has and will result in higher energy bills for Ontario residents. The lands DWPI desires to expropriate are all part of a proposed industrial wind farm, therefore all the issues related to the wind farm should be considered.

In closing, we respectfully request that the Ontario Energy Board **deny** DWPI permission to expropriate.

Sincerely,

Grant and Valerie Peterson