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Ontario Energy Board  
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Dear Sir or Madam:

**Re: Board File Number EB- 2013-0203  
Intervention to Application by Niagara Region Wind Corporation  
("NRWC") to construct Transmission Facilities**

The NRWC application seems to us to be a moving target. We learned on 5 February 2013 that this power line is now planned to run in front of our property.

Our concerns are two-fold:

1. Devaluation and loss of appeal of our home on a Country Estate lot.
2. The potential impact of this new high voltage line on the dairy operation which we acquired in September 1979 and which is still operated by our family.

Re 1.: It is clear that the NRWC has decided to yield to the representations of the Mountain Road wineries and the Niagara Escarpment Commission that the proposed power line would have a devastating effect on property value, customer appeal, and aesthetic beauty of the pastoral countryside, for they agreed to bury that portion of the line. We urge the Board to order NRWC to bury the power line also along Walker Road, Fly Road (along our property) and in West Lincoln Township. We believe that the Walker Road owners and West Lincoln Township are of the same view.

If the Board decides not to make such an order, we ask the Board to order NRWC to compensate us for the devaluation of our property and the grief of having a high voltage power line placed in front of our property. We believe our Country Estate home is valued at approximately \$1,000,000. Having regard to the experience of the Mountain Road owners, we estimate that the devaluation of the property could be as high as 50 percent. Accordingly, if the Board does not order the NRWC to bury the line near our property, we ask that the Board order NRWC to compensate us in the amount of \$500,000.

If the Board lacks jurisdiction to order compensation, we request that the Board withhold permission to build this transmission line until the parties have reached a satisfactory compensation agreement.

Re 2.: The devastating impact of transient or tingle voltage across North America is well documented. By way of example, I mention the experience of the Montgomery dairy farm in Chatham-Kent. Mr. Montgomery fought most of his life to get recognition of the problem. Reportedly, he has recently received an undisclosed amount in compensation. My family's dairy farm is approximately 300 meters from the Fly Road and the Walker Road intersection.

In addition, there may well be grounding problems because the bedrock is so close to the surface in the area. Accordingly, we request the Board to order NRWC to use an independent third party to establish a base line on our dairy farm for transient or tingle voltage and to monitor potential changes. And further, to order NRWC to correct problems if they develop, or to pay appropriate compensation in lieu.

Yours truly

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