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**To:** BoardSec  
**Subject:** Dufferin Wind Power

To Whom it May Concern:

Our names are Brian and Sharron DeManche. We live in Melancthon Township, Dufferin County. We reside within the proposed Dufferin Wind Power project in Melancthon Township.

We are asking you to NOT renew Dufferin Wind's contract because the entire community (with the exception of 27 families scheduled to receive turbines) is completely against this project. Also please take in to consideration the following endangered animal.

On September 9, 2013, we observed a turtle on the 4<sup>th</sup> Line, Melancthon and took photographs (these photos are available upon request). We later identified this turtle as a Blanding's Turtle (*Emydoidae blandingii*), confirmed by Mr. David Featherstone (Manager, Watershed Monitoring Program Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority) as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act, 2007. This species of turtle has never been reported in Dufferin County, so this is a significant discovery.

We have registered this sighting on the MNR's *Natural Heritage Information Centre* website, and with the Nottawasaga Conservation Authority. The reply we received from Todd Copeland, A/Regional SAR Biologist, Southern Regional Resources Section, Ministry of Natural Resources was "As you are aware, the Dufferin Wind Project is currently before the Environmental Review Tribunal. As such it would be inappropriate for me to comment on this matter". We feel time is of the essence and we are concerned it will be too late by the time a decision is made.

We are greatly concerned about the fact that Dufferin Wind Power is, according to their website, starting the access roads for their turbine project on October 15. One of these access roads is approximately 900 feet from the sighting location. We are writing to you with an urgency in this letter because of our concerns that Dufferin Wind Power has started construction "at their own risk" and have put the Blanding's Turtle's environment and habitat in extreme danger.

We believe that this entire project should be stopped, **because the Blanding's turtle was not included in any studies in the REA application.**

In fact, a wind project at Ostrander's Point, Prince Edward County, was halted due to the possibility of increased mortality of these turtles on proposed access roads.

We are asking that you take the necessary steps to insure that a proper process is followed in light of the discovery of this rare and threatened species in Dufferin County.

We will await your response.

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