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LETTER OF COMMENT

Comments:

Ontario Energy Board
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Attention: Board Secretary

November 17, 2013

Ontario Energy Board File No. EB-2013-0361

Dear Board Secretary and Board Members of the Ontario Energy Board,

In response to the Ontario Energy Board File No. EB-2013-0361 (Jericho Wind, Inc. - Notice of Application for Leave to Construct Transmission Facilities in the Municipality of Lambton Shores and the Municipality of North Middlesex), we, as a landowner and farmer along the proposed route for the Transmission Facilities, request;

1. Please sign us up to be an observer, and
2. We request to provide comments in writing

We request to participate as an observer and provide comments in writing regarding the proposed Transmission Facilities for the following reasons;

- Contrary to Exhibit G “Community and Stakeholder Consultation” in the Application, we have not had an individual meeting with the Jericho Wind, Inc. (the “Applicant”) to receive information, ask questions and discuss the proposed Transmission Facilities and the potential impact on us as a landowner and farmer along the proposed route.
- We are a landowner and farmer along the proposed route for the Transmission Facilities and will be directly impacted by the of agreement that the applicant offers the landowners for use of their land for routing or construction of the proposed Transmission Facilities.

Please find enclosed our comments;

1. As it relates to the first OEB issue “The interests of consumers with respect to prices and

the reliability and quality of electricity service”, we are concerned that the leave to construct Transmission Facilities will result in the construction of the proposed Wind Turbines by Jericho Wind, Inc. It is becoming increasingly clear that Wind Turbines are contributing significantly to the substantial increase in our electricity prices in recent years. As evidence, are the recent press releases in the fall of 2013 which discuss that Ontario plans to pay the Wind Turbine owners to not produce electricity as it will save Ontario approx. \$200 million annually. See the following websites for examples of this press releases by;

Global News;

<http://globalnews.ca/news/832647/ontario-pays-wind-turbines-not-to-produce-power/>,
and

CTV News; <http://kitchener.ctvnews.ca/paying-wind-turbines-to-not-produce-electricity-will-save-money-province-1.1449757>.

As electricity consumers, we want to mitigate the continued increase in electricity prices by stopping the construction of Wind Turbines, which starts with stopping the construction of the proposed Transmission Facilities.

2. As it relates to the second OEB issue “The promotion of the use of renewable energy sources in a manner consistent with the policies of the Government of Ontario” and the third OEB issue “The agreement that Jericho Wind, Inc. offers to landowners affected by the route or location of the Transmission Facilities”, we are concerned that the following issues have not been addressed by Jericho Wind, Inc;

a) The maps provided by the Applicant appear to indicate that the municipal road right-of-ways on Thomson Line west of Arkona Road are 100 feet. This is incorrect and in fact, the municipal road right-of-ways on Thomson Line west of Arkona Road are only 66 feet.

b) The safety of farm equipment, vehicles and their operators on these municipal road right-of-ways. Farm equipment is increasingly becoming larger due to the economies of scale associated with farming. The proposed Transmission Facilities will undoubtedly impact the width and height availability for the safe operation of farm equipment and vehicles on these municipal road right-of-ways which will undoubtedly increase the possibility of accidents that may involve the loss of human life. For example, combines can have a width and height of up to approximately 20 feet and with the header attached on the combine the width can be up to approximately 42 feet. Where the road right-of-way is only 66 feet, space is already very restrictive. An additional row of hydro poles within this road right-of-way will further restrict the space available for farm equipment and vehicles to safely use.

c) That the electromagnetic field associated with the proposed Transmission Facilities will have a detrimental impact on livestock that is located in close proximity of the proposed Transmission Facilities. There are number of farmers which have livestock that will be in close proximity of the proposed Transmission Facilities.

d) That stray voltage associated with the proposed Transmission Facilities will have a detrimental impact on livestock that is located in close proximity of the proposed Transmission Facilities. Again, there are number of farmers which have livestock that will be in close proximity of the proposed Transmission Facilities.

e) The Legislative Assembly of Ontario recently passed Bill 36, Local Food Act, 2013 with

the purpose of fostering successful and resilient local food economies and systems throughout Ontario. The proposed Transmission Facilities, as noted in comments above b), c) and d), will negatively impact the local food economies and systems along the proposed route. Therefore, the proposed Transmission Facilities for the Jericho Wind Energy Centre are not in a manner consistent with the policies of the Government of Ontario.

We thank you in advance for your time in this matter to ensure that we continue to have a viable and efficient energy sector and look forward to your response.

Sincerely

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