

Friday December 13, 2013

Ontario Energy Board File #EB-2013-0339
P.O. Box 2319
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Attention: Board Secretary

Dear Sir

It has now been 7 years since we started writing letters seeking information regarding industrial wind turbines and their subsequent transmission line locations in our vicinity.

White Pines Wind Incorporated or WPD as it states in the local paper via a notice by the Ontario Energy Board, is planning to use the road located in front of our property as their transmission line route for their Industrial wind turbines.

My family has been Dairy and Cash Crop farming Maypul Layn Farm for FIVE generations. Maypul Layn Farm is located along Maypullayn Road in Prince Edward County, Ontario. Please refer to your map!

Not one person in all this time has approached us from WPD to consult with us. We have recommended an alternate route for these transmission lines using an unopened road allowance and no one has responded. We have gone to all of the Green Energy Act mandated open houses and experienced the same lip service and expensive, colourful exhibits all companies must comply with, to no avail. It is stated in the notice dated December 5, 2013 that

“WPD has filed with the OEB forms of agreements in offers to landowners to use their land for routing or construction of the proposed line and associated facilities.”

We have never been contacted by WPD regarding transmission line location!

In the event that WPD has not informed the OEB, we would like you to know that we legally own the property to the very edge of the road. We have consulted a lawyer and the municipality has confirmed that we do in fact own the land on either side of the road. There is no road allowance or road easement. This road was a forced road! Meaning that it was a cow path to get cattle to water originally and slowly people used it as a means to get to other property, so the municipality created a road surface.

Our business is seven days a week, 365 days a year and the livelihood of two families. We are gravely concerned about the potential for stray voltage (known by many farmers to be a hazardous by-product of power generated from wind turbines) and our ability then to produce milk; interruption of our business and the proximity to our water source for 125 head of cattle and two houses if this transmission line proceeds down Maypullayn Road. The disruption of the road surface; because I believe this is the only course that can be taken; will prevent our milk from being picked up for processing, prevent the feed delivery person from making his delivery and curtail any emergency vehicles from accessing the business in the event they are required.

We are aware that “Arborists” hired by WPD have assessed the one hundred year old trees along our property. We found it odd that they knew very little about the route system of a hard maple tree and that if the transmission lines go underground those tree routes will be damaged and therefore the trees themselves. A terrible loss to the environment!

In closing, we find it insulting to realize how often these notices are given during the Christmas season and with only 10 days to respond when we have requested for so long information on the location of the lines and received very vague responses.

Distressed and Frustrated

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