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Dear Members of the Board:

These comments are filed pursuant to Section 4.4 of the Ontario Energy Board Act under Stakeholder Input which states:

“The Board shall establish one or more processes by which consumers, distributors, generators, transmitters and other persons who have an interest in the electricity industry may provide advice and recommendations for consideration by the Board. 2004, c. 23, Sched. B, s. 4.”

This submission is in support of the intervenors and a request that the application EB-2013-0442 FOR DETERMINATION OF LOCATION OF DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES WITHIN ROAD ALLOWANCES OWNED BY THE MUNICIPALITY OF KAWARTHA LAKES originally filed on January 27th, 2014 and then re-filed on March 28th, 2014 be set aside. The Ontario Energy Board is statutorily obliged to ensure that any proposed work is in the public interest and in the interest of consumers ....

I request that application EB-2013-0442 be set aside since it is not in the public interest or serves the best interest of the consumer. The Gray Road transmission line and a distribution line crossing Wild Turkey Road, components of the Sumac Ridge project, will not ensure reliability and quality of electricity services and also fails to meet high safety and environmental standards as set under government policy.

This area has been the target of wind corporations for some time now. We have had many examples of how profit generated through process is in complete disregard for the citizens of this community. Open house sessions where intimidation of seniors, misleading, if not fraudulent information and outright disrespect, clearly demonstrated that these were ‘white wash’ sessions simply held because they were part of the process. What good is the process when it no longer includes the citizen?

Corporate clandestine behavior is demonstrated by the fact that:

- the plan for the underground transmission line along Gray Road is not the same as the plan approved by the Ministry of the Environment.

- Wpd issued a press release on May 22, 2013, without the knowledge of the City of Kawartha Lakes, and while the Sumac Ridge project was under review at the Ministry of the Environment. The public was not, and has not been made aware of this new plan for an aboveground transmission line

- Wpd Canada did not inform residents of the application before the OEB when originally posted. Wpd Canada did not post a public notice in the local media. Wpd Canada did not contact immediate landowners when the application was first filed.

It is frightening that government officials tolerate and allow blatant 'playing the system' at the risk of the very people that put them into office. When will government officials stop being bullied by corporations and protect the rights of individual and collective law abiding people?

Put a stop to this project and tell this company that their actions will no longer be tolerated.

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