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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. Under Treaty 20, the lands in question are under the stewardship of First Nations. There is no evidence that the seven First Nations communities under Treaty 20 have been notified about this application.

Ontario Minister of Energy Bob Chiarelli has indicated that Ontario has a surplus of energy and will continue to have a surplus for years to come. The applicant's estimated output of 26,000 MWh per annum will place an unnecessary financial burden on consumers. Each 2.5 MW wind turbine installed today, might expect to produce at a capacity factor of 30%. The energy will be produced mostly at night and in the spring and fall when the system electricity price is lowest. The rate of \$135 per MWh for wind energy does not compare favourably with the same amount of 'green' non- CO2 emitting nuclear electricity at the nuclear base price of \$45 per MWh.

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The transmission line along Gray Road which will involve significant and permanent alteration of a heritage trail and the distribution line that crosses Wild Turkey Road located on the Oak Ridges Moraine for a costly, intermittent energy supply is not in the public interest.

The role of the OEB to ensure renewable energy sources are developed in a manner consistent with the policies of the Government of Ontario which includes: “ensuring that high safety and environmental standards are met”....

High safety and environmental standards have not been met. The applicant has indicated the Sumac Ridge project will cover 477 hectares leaving a significant physical, environmental, social, cultural and economic footprint.

The water table is at the surface along an extended section of Gray Road. There are also seeps, springs and a wetland. Alteration of water features along Gray Road without any form of hydrogeologic assessment will place area wells in jeopardy including wells used at two nearby elementary schools.

The intervenors in case EB-2013-0442 speak for the multitudes that the Sumac Ridge project, which includes the transmission line along Gray Road and a distribution line that crosses Wild Turkey Road on the Oak Ridges Moraine, is not in the public interest, that the public interest is not being served, the project will not provide reliable and quality service and does not adhere to government policy that the highest safety and environmental standards have been met. It is respectfully requested that the Ontario Energy Board set this application aside.