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Please see my letter attached regarding the above application.

Thank you
Garnet Kent

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April 25, 2014

The Board
Ontario Energy Board
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Attention Board Secretary

Dear Members of the Board:

Re: Application EB-2013-0442 FOR DETERMINATION OF LOCATION OF DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES WITHIN ROAD ALLOWANCES OWNED BY THE MUNICIPALITY OF KAWARTHA LAKES

It is requested 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 will fail to meet high safety and environmental standards as set under government policy.

The Sumac Ridge project is under appeal to the Environmental Review Tribunal. The REA is being amended since Turbine # 1 has been identified as being too close to a 'receptor'. The configuration of the project might be changed. It is premature for the Board to rule on the application before it. To rule on the application at this stage would prejudge the outcome of the appeal before the Environmental Review Tribunal.

Turbine # 2 in the Sumac Ridge project has been identified as a navigation hazard by the Peterborough Airport and the configuration of the Sumac Ridge project might change. It is premature for the Board to rule on the application before it given that the configuration of the project may have to be altered.

Wpd Canada did not inform residents of the application before the OEB when originally posted or post a public notice in the local media or contact affected 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.

Wpd is proposing to build a portion of its proposed electrical collector line underground on an unassumed road allowance. Ownership of such unopened road allowance is held by the City of Kawartha Lakes for the benefit of its ratepayers. It is beyond the jurisdiction of the board to authorize a private entity to use the road allowance in a manner that is inconsistent with the purpose for which the municipality holds the property especially where the municipality has objected to the proposed use. The transmission line along Gray Road will involve significant and permanent alteration of a heritage trail and a distribution line that crosses Wild Turkey Road will not benefit the ratepayers in the City of Kawartha Lakes.

The applicant is seeking to construct a distribution line across Wild Turkey Road on the Oak Ridges Moraine. Under Section 41 of the Oak Ridges Moraine Plan, Ontario Regulation 140/02, *"Transportation, infrastructure, and utilities uses may be permitted to cross a key natural heritage feature or a hydrologically sensitive feature if the applicant demonstrates that, (a) the need for the project has been demonstrated and there is no reasonable alternative"*. Wpd Canada has not demonstrated a need for the project or that an alternative was considered. Why would one permit the Moraine to be damaged for the sake of a costly, intermittent energy supply

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. If the Board approves the application it will be furthering the wealth destroying impact of the government's experiment with renewable energy by transferring wealth from many consumers to the hands the few owners of wpd. Surely the board should make decisions that promote the most efficient least costly means of generating electricity so that consumers and farmers are not hurt by more increases in electricity rates and industries are not made less competitive

