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Ms. Kirsten Walli
Ontario Energy Board
Suite 2700, 2300 Yonge Street
Toronto, ON
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Dear Ms. Walli:

EB-2013-0421 – Supply to Essex County Transmission Reinforcement Project
Property Reference: PT LT 27 CON 7, LAKESHORE (PIN: 75056-0076)

Please be advised that as a landowner of the above mentioned property, we are very much against this land acquisition. As all the landowners involved on Lakeshore Road 245 stated at the many meetings that started out in 2009 and throughout 2010 there are other routes that would not have an impact on the day to day life on the farm. To cut a farm in half with a tower would be devastating to the future of our family farm. We already have a Brookfield Wind Tower on the back property line. Consequently, we lost about 1 1/2 acres.

This wind tower also provides income for years to come and adds value to the price of a farm. I know that hydro towers on a farm do not add value to the property, but the opposite. Why don't you channel the power from the wind turbines to fulfill the power that you need. There are approximately 71 wind turbines in the Comber Project. There are other alternative routes that you could take. Go down abandoned railroad lines and at the back of farms that don't have homes and buildings on them. There are abandoned lines in Ruscom and Staples. To work around these steel menaces is a nightmare. One time land acquisition is a dinosaur proposition. Your method of compensation is way behind the times. What do future family members get if the farm is passed on to another generation? We are certainly doing our part to produce energy, with a wind tower and two solar panels. I hope that the Ontario Energy Board thinks hard and long on the consequences of devaluing and destroying a century old family farm.

Please use the energy sources that are available to you to your advantage rather than to someone else's disadvantage.

I have also been in contact with the Town of Lakeshore, Brookfield Renewable Power, and the Ontario Federation of Agriculture and the other landowners involved on Lakeshore Road 245.

Thank you for your time!

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