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Ms Kirsten Walli Board Secretary, OEB P.O. Box 2319 2300 Yonge St, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

RE: File EB- 2014-0300 – Request for oral hearing

Dear Ms Walli,

I am writing to request an oral hearing concerning Windlectric's application to the OEB, File EB-2014-0300.

It is important that the Board and the Applicant understand the reality of Island living. It is specifically important for the Board to hear the respective parties' positions with regard to the impact of the proposed infrastructure.

There will be points where the applicant could better explain the rationale of complex technical materials to the public and give answers to questions with the clarity and understanding only provided by verbal testimony.

The impact and compatibility of Windlectric's proposed electrical transmission lines constitute significant issues for Amherst Island. For the Board to judge effectively whether the Applicant's answers should stand or lead to alternate routes or planning changes, it will have to assess Windlectric's engineering evidence, testimony and credibility and as such, this supports the request for an oral hearing.

The Applicant has requested a hearing comprised of written submissions only. Would not this request increase the duration of time required for a full hearing? The Applicant would

require significant time to draft technical materials for the Board, which the Board would then be required to take under consideration. Rather than experience the delay associated with time requirements for lengthy written materials and replies, it would clearly be faster for the Board to hear directly from the Applicant's engineers in order to make an assessment.

Please elect for an oral hearing when considering EB - 2014-0300.

Sincerely, Roxanne Guttin

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