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Ontario Energy Board  
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Attn: Ms. Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary

RE: File 0214-0300 Windlectric's Amherst Island Proposed Project

Dear Ms. Walli,

As a resident of Amherst Island and a concerned Ontario citizen, I would like to request that an oral hearing be held in Lennox & Addington County to discuss the discrepancies that exist in the documents submitted to the MOECC, MNRF, OEB, and other organizations. Premier Wynne has talked about transparent government processes.

Okay - let's put her promises into action and allow citizens to attend an oral hearing so that we may better understand how the Ontario government is planning on handling our concerns especially where the evidence is clearly conflicting.

Like it or not, Amherst Island's location presents unique challenges and risks for the construction of a transmission line across the channel. This area is an active marine environment busy with year round ferry traffic every half hour; spring, summer and fall recreational boating, swimming, canoeing, kayaking; winter snowmobiling, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing; and fishing that occurs throughout the year.

Residents are concerned about potential marine accidents, industrial accidents, interruption of our single source of power, and especially the availability of emergency response. Our government needs to demonstrate its concern and transparency and make every effort to protect the environment and protect and inform the people who are directly impacted.

Unfortunately it seems that liability rests with a company called Windlectric Inc., which only has two directors and I am unsure about financial assets or the number of employees. When contracts are awarded in my line of work there is a process called due diligence to check out a company and its personnel's track record, and also large bond requirements are provided ahead of any work and are held until the end or decommissioning of a project. An oral hearing will help me understand the process more clearly and also the line of accountability in the event of a major or minor incident related to the construction and operation of the transmission line across the channel and across land by providing an opportunity for dialogue.

Our community is very interested and engaged as demonstrated by the submission of over 1500 comments on the project to the Ministry of the Environment. For members of our community and even one of the Association for the Protection of Amherst Island Board members, who are sight-challenged - an oral hearing will allow them to best understand the arguments and discussions. Surely the Ontario government must meet the needs of all residents.

I look forward to hearing from you that there will indeed be an oral hearing within easy drive of Amherst Island so that we may continue to participate in this government process.

Thank you very much for any assistance you can provide to make this hearing happen.

Sincerely,

Andrea Cross

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