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Members of the Board,

I am a landowner and resident of Amherst Island and a member of the Association to Protect Amherst Island (APAI).

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding Windlectric's application to the Ontario Energy Board for Leave to Construct a 5.9 km 135 kV transmission line including a submarine cable, eleven up to 80 foot steel poles linking the transmission line across Front Road to the west of the school to a hydro substation on the Island and buried cable linking the transmission line to a hydro substation on the mainland. Reference: File EB 2014-0300

This application is contrary to the interests of consumers with respect to electricity prices and the reliability and quality of electricity service. Nor does it promote the use of renewable energy resources in a manner consistent with the policies of the Government of Ontario. In addition, the approval of this application will have a deleterious effect on landowners affected by the route or location of the transmission line

In my opinion, Amherst Island is not a suitable site for an industrial wind installation. I am writing to ask for an oral hearing on Amherst Island so that the Board and the Applicant understand the unique circumstances of Amherst Island and the high risks presented by the Windlectric Inc. application.

I trust that the Board will reject Windlectric Inc.'s application because of the significant differences submitted to the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change, by Windlectric in its Renewable Energy Approval application, and to the Ontario Energy Board in its Application for Leave to Construct. Throughout the approval process, the proponent has demonstrated an appalling lack of attention to detail yet expects affected landowners to trust in their intentions and competence.

Like many Ontarians, I am deeply concerned about the rising cost of energy. Based on and economic and risk analysis conducted by Dr. John Harrison, I am convinced that this project is not cost-effective and does not serve the interests of consumers. In fact, wind turbines are costing Ontario consumers. According to the Fraser Institute, wind and solar power are providing less than 4% of Ontario's power but account for 20% of what Ontarians pay. The report suggests the Ontario government could prevent further electricity rate increase by halting all new hydroelectric, wind

and solar projects. To reduce rates, the province could terminate, where possible, existing contracts between renewable energy companies and the Ontario Power Authority.

For me this particular application will have a personal effect. After migrating to Amherst Island in 2003, I was delighted that my best friend and her family chose to follow me. I was thrilled that her children, my God children, would grow up in a caring community where they would develop a relationship with nature that cannot be found in the city. Now I watch helplessly as my friends, Brian and Eva Little, consider a future where their home is virtually surrounded by turbines to the south and a hydro substation to the north – in addition to a cement batching plant, a maintenance building, and significant heavy equipment and truck traffic.. My heart breaks for them as they are faced with a future in a home that will be set in the midst of an industrial site – a home that they will not be able to sell. I am angry that they will, essentially, be forced off of the island that we have all come to consider as our forever home. All of this is happening because the Little's were unlucky enough to be surrounded by neighbours who have signed leases with Windlectric.

It is my sincere hope that the Board will understand these, and other, serious issues and reject Windlectric's application. I ask to monitor the application and be provided with any and all related documents.

Sincerely,

Lorna Willis

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