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Dear Sir/Madam

This email details the following requests:

1. I am asking that an oral hearing be held on Amherst Island so that the Board and the Applicant can understand the reality of island living and the high risks presented by the Windlectric Inc. application.
2. I am asking to monitor the application and to be provided with all relevant documents.

I have been birding, observing wildlife and habitat on Amherst Island for over 35 years. My objections to the application by Windlectric include the following concerns:

1. There are significant differences between the Windlectric Renewable Energy Approval application (submitted to the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change) and its Application for leave to Construct to the Ontario Energy Board.
2. The project is not-cost-effective based on Dr. John Harrison's economic and risk analysis. Wind turbines are costing Ontario consumers; I note that wind and solar power are providing less than 4% of Ontario's power but account for 20% of what Ontarians pay, according to the Fraser Institute. It is suggested that 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.

3. I note that the transmission line and poles will be close to the Amherst Island school. I am concerned about the risk of interrupting the power supply to the Island, marine accidents, industrial accidents, spills, impact on groundwater, and risk to schoolchildren. Other concerns include the hydrosubstation, the cement batching plant and its emissions, dust, etc., and the effects of the heavy equipment and truck traffic on island road infrastructure, islander road movement, and quality of life.

4. I am further concerned about the enormous impact of this project, especially the turbines and towers, on native wildlife, rare, threatened and endangered species, and in such a critical set of island habitats, ANSIs, and migration pathways. Impacts on bird and bat species will be catastrophic; you only have to look to nearby Wolf Island and the effects of the wind turbines there - the second highest mortality site for wildlife impacts in North America.

I urge the OEB to reject this project in its entirety

sincerely
Christopher Parker