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Attn: Ms. K. Walli, Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: Windlectric Inc. Proposed Amherst Island Wind Energy Project

Transmission Line should be underground.

Initially the proponent indicated that the transmission line from the substation would be a steel monopole type design. In a December 2013 report to the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change the proponent describes the transmission line as consisting of "H" poles or alternatively underground cable. Subsequently the Ministry suggested 50 foot poles and more recently the proponent has indicated that 80 foot poles would be used.

The form of the transmission line appears to have been a matter of discussion and not resolved.

In the face of underground cable being previously considered by the proponent as a possible alternative why are 80 foot poles now the latest proposal? Where is the supporting documentation for this choice? Such structures are highly visible and totally inconsistent with the rural ambience and current land use of Amherst Island. They would result in a further industrialization of the inland that could be avoided.

It is to be noted that in the case of the Wolfe Island wind energy project the section of the main transmission line located within the City of Kingston leading to the connection with the provincial electrical grid is entirely underground. Why not the same for Amherst Island? A deviation from the Wolfe Island precedent requires justification.

An oral hearing and "monitor" status is requested.

Yours truly,

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