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Attn: Ms. Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Walli

Kindly register my request for an oral hearing before the Ontario Energy Board to consider an application by Windlectric.

An oral hearing is necessary so that the only two Board members of Windlectric will be required to testify under oath and provide accurate information in support of their application. The company has no employees.

Your attention is drawn to discrepancies between the information provided to the Ministry of the Environment with respect to the project and the information provided to the Ontario Energy Board in Windlectric's Application for Leave to Construct: timeframe for construction 18 to 24 months versus 8 to 12 months, compliance with permit conditions, wooden poles versus steel poles and so on.

An oral hearing will also enable those impacted and the Ontario Energy Board to achieve clarity about the applicant. Windlectric Inc. presents Algonquin Power and Windlectric Inc. interchangeably when in fact the two companies are distinct. Windlectric has only two Directors, no public oversight, no financial assets, no safety record and no employees. The company may be sold at any time. And yet documents such as the Leave to Construct are presented as if the construction record, safety compliance, and liability for damage arising from any incident would be the responsibility of the parent company. It is critical that the public witness a transparent and open process and achieve assurance that the public interest is protected. The ghost of Lac Megantic and other industrial accidents across Canada looms large over a company which uses a shell corporation to shield its liability and accountability.

Amherst Island is captive and vulnerable. It has a single source of electricity which is not depicted in Windlectric's submission. The application makes no mention of the existing electricity infrastructure and provides no commitment that it will be protected. The Island is totally dependent on a side loading car ferry with limited capacity. No medical facilities, no doctor, no ambulance, no water supply exist on the Island. The high risk to public and environmental safety due to the lack of an Emergency Response Plan is currently before the courts. No escape exists in the event of a fire or industrial accident. No assurance has been provided that the construction of the transmission line across the channel will not disrupt the existing power supply also supplied by a submarine cable. No alternative routes for the transmission line to minimize the impact on the Island's residents have been presented.

Windlectric has not disclosed its milestone date for commercial operations date as set out in its contract with the Ontario Power Authority and its application for extensions, and indeed has not conveyed whether the timeline is achievable.

1. Please defer consideration of this application pending the outcome of a Leave to Appeal made by Mr. Bryan Finlay QC, Partner Emeritus, WeirFoulds LLP on behalf of the Association to Protect Amherst Island before the Divisional Court concerning the incompleteness of Windlectric's Renewable Energy Approval application
2. Please ensure that a oral hearing is held on Amherst Island in the County of Lennox and Addington to consider the Application for Leave to Construct by Windlectric Inc.
3. Please register me as a monitor to this application.

As I will be travelling in the next few weeks, kindly communicate via email.

Many thanks

Deborah Barrett

