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Hearing

Attention: Ms K. Wallis, Secretary to the Ontario Energy Board

Dear Ms Wallis:

As someone who is a resident of Amherst Island and who has spent most of my professional broadcasting career at CBC participating in public hearings, I feel strongly that when a major initiative that will affect people's lives is being proposed, transparency is of the utmost importance to instill confidence in the application process and those called upon to decide if the project is to proceed -- and if so -- with what conditions.

Windlectric's application for leave to construct a high voltage transmission line including a submarine cable and a substation and steel poles up to 80 feet tall to the west of the Amherst Island School is a project that demands full disclosure of the project's benefits and risks as well as the impact on Island residents directly affected. In my experience, an oral hearing is a most effective way to ensure the issues have been fully discussed and understood by all parties -- and maintain confidence in our democratic institutions.

Sincerely,

Harold Redekopp

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