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Dear Ms. Walli,

This letter is being sent to you as Board Secretary, to request an Oral Hearing and Monitor Status with regard to the application before you from Windlectic, seeking permission to construct a high voltage transmission line including a submarine cable and a substation and steel poles up to 80 feet tall on Amherst Island.

This is a very small island; the destruction caused by such an installation would be extremely detrimental to all aspects of our community, particularly the health and enjoyment of the residents, the majority of whom oppose the installation of the proposed industrial wind turbines and all the components attached with this proposal. Of immediate concern is the fact that Windlectric is now proposing to construct the high voltage transmission line dangerously near the Island's elementary school and the attached playground and community centre. Residents have repeatedly pointed out this hazard to the proponents; our concerns have been steadfastly ignored.

An irreplaceable island landscape will be irrevocably damaged if our provincial agencies abandon along with the health and safety concerns, the democratic rights of rural communities to determine their own land use plans. And may I point out again that THIS ISLAND IS SMALL!

It is my fear that without adequate opportunity for an oral hearing into this matter, the very real and legitimate concerns of the majority of the residents of Amherst Island will be ignored. Holding only a written hearing would make the process of dealing with Windlectric's application insufficiently transparent and would deny any opportunity of full public consultation.

Please place my name on your list of concerned citizens to be notified of any proceedings.

Yours sincerely,

Sheila Whiting
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