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RE: File EB 2014-0300

Sir/Madam,

I am writing to request that an oral hearing be held on Amherst Island regarding Windlectric's application in order to explain to island residents and to all those concerned what the proposed electrical transmission installation consists of, as many, if not most residents are not aware, nor have been made aware by the Applicant that some of the initial details of the construction have been altered from their original specifications.

I object that Windlectric's Application for Leave to Construct is being considered by the OEB as it does not correspond 100% with their application for the Renewable Energy Approval sent to the Ministry of the Environment. Some of the differences, which are obviously considered inconsequential by the Applicant and not worth mentioning, are actually considered greatly important to many of the residents of the island. Such discrepancies should also be deemed of great concern to the OEB and MOE. How could a 30-foot difference in the height of the transmission line poles not be worth mentioning, overlooking the need to make a public amendment for it? A change from 50-foot wooden 'H' pole to 80-foot steel poles is quite a considerable change and islanders should be advised and given the opportunity to comment before any construction is allowed to begin.

Furthermore, the entire project is a waste of consumers' money. Since Hydro One has the monopoly on supplying electricity in Ontario, regardless how unwisely they spend their resources, consumers are grudgingly forced to buy from them. The FIT program has been criticized by innumerable sources, from both private and public sectors, not only for being NOT cost-effective, but by being seriously irresponsible of the Ontario Government. The consequences of the FIT program and GEA are already plainly visible in Ontario's grotesquely inflated hydro costs. Even looking at our hydro bills now, the delivery charges are now a full 50% of the entire charge. In addition to that, the hydro rates themselves have just recently been increased as Hydro One cannot make up for the loss of revenue from having to pay the tariffs of the FIT program.

The results of this economic downward spiral are being felt by the residents and businesses province-wide. So why continue contributing to the cause of the province's demise by approving yet another cost-inflating project?

On another note, I would add my voice to the request to protect Brian, Eva, Angus, Jack, Catherine, and Daniel Little's family home ([REDACTED]) by having the project be greatly altered, or preferably, entirely cancelled, in order to save them from being unjustly subjected to the project's hydro substation, not 400 metres from their front door. It is obvious that the Little family would be greatly affected by this construction, and so far as I am aware, no agreement with the Applicant has been made regarding the proximity of the substation transformer and all the transmission lines that will be feeding into that substation, surrounding their home, not to mention the cement batching plant, the maintenance building, and turbines themselves. The Little family home and all the impacts that this construction would have on them earnestly and urgently needs to be addressed. Lastly, I would like to monitor this application and request that documentation regarding it be sent to me onward from now.

Thank you for your sincere consideration of these matters.

Renée Minville.