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Dear Ms. Walli,

We understand that the Ontario Energy Board will make a decision in the coming weeks on whether an oral or written hearing will be held with respect to Windlectric's application (File EB-2014-0300). This Application requests permission for the construction of a high voltage transmission line, including submarine cable, substation and 80 feet tall steel poles to the west of the elementary school on Amherst Island. Written contributions and evidence by concerned parties are requested.

Given the enormous implications of such a decision on the Island and its residents, we strongly encourage you to arrange for an oral hearing on this issue in Lennox-Addington County. As we are sure you will agree, for a decision of this magnitude to be made in the absence of open and honest dialogue would not reflect well on either the Ontario Energy Board, nor the applicant. There is strong precedent at all levels of government for such an approach, and strong evidence that in the absence of such a hearing, questions of transparency and inclusion will be raised.

We look forward to the opportunity to contribute to this decision-making process in an open forum, at which all stakeholders can make their views known.

Yours Truly,

Paul and Joan Hubbard,