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Mr. Sean Fairfield,
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Dear Mr. Fairfield:

We have seen a copy of your April 8, 2013 letter to Ms. Diane Pearce, which seems intended to provide assurance to Council that 'Windlectric...is responsible (not the landowner) for all financial issues (including safety and decommissioning) costs regarding the proposed project construction and operation'.

In our view (APAI), there are some gaps in your assurance that perhaps you might fill in.

- Windlectric Inc is a shell company, with no assets and no Board. As such, how could Windlectric Inc pay the costs you have mentioned?
- Regarding 'safety' costs, 'safety' as related to the proposed project would be a widespread issue on Amherst Island, if the proposed construction ever came about. Does 'safety' mean safety for all Islanders? Fire-safety? Maintenance of emergency services? Safety for our children in the street and roads where you propose routing your heavy trucks? Safety for the natural environment including the widespread wildlife and avian habitations? Or, were you thinking only of the safety of the builders of the project and the few landowners who have signed for turbines?
- Regarding 'decommissioning' costs, does decommissioning also include the prompt, timely removal and recycle of aging turbine components from the Island? What about the safe disposal of the hazardous liquids and materials in the turbines, the blades and the nacelles? Where would that take place?
- Algonquin's REA report on 'Decommissioning' specifically mentions the possibility that Algonquin may sell the project to another developer who would

complete it. How would that developer be bound by your assurance? Your memo makes no mention of such an arrangement.

We strongly urge that Council consider insisting that Algonquin/Windlectric post a very large bond to ensure payment for the assurances your note suggests. This seems to be the standard in other situations (mining for example) in recent years.

Unless Algonquin provides satisfactory answers to these questions, we fear that your 'assurances' cannot mean very much.

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cc:

- Ms. Diane Pearce, C.A.O., Loyalist Township Council
- Mr. Randy Hillier
- Ms Andrea Horwath
- Mr. Wayne Calver, Loyalist Township Fire Chief
- Hon. Jim Bradley, Minister, MOE
- Hon. David Orazietti, Minister, MNR
- Ms Jane Wilson, WCO
- Mr. Ian Robertson, CEO Algonquin Power Co