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Ms. Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary
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Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Application for leave to construct (LTC)
Amending the relief granted in EB-2013-0203:
OEB File No. EB-2016-0196
Our File: 88561**

We act as solicitors for the Township of West Lincoln.

By letter dated June 28, 2016, a copy of which is attached hereto, Mr. Chris Carter, Chief Administrative Officer for the Township of West Lincoln, provided a letter of public comment in support of the above-referenced application. Mr. Carter stated that the Township of West Lincoln is in full support of the amendment.

The approval of the Council of the Township of West Lincoln for the amendment being sought included the right to use the unopened road allowance referred to in the application as South Grimsby Road 6. The Council approval recognized that the proposed relocation of this portion of the transmission line was of vital interest to the Township as it plans for the expansion of its urban area.

We are informed by counsel for the applicant that the Ontario Energy Board has not yet rendered a decision. The Township is concerned that approval of the amendment has not yet been granted.

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Accordingly, the purpose of this letter is to urgently request, on behalf of the Township of West Lincoln, that the Board grant its approval to amending the relief granted in EB-2013-0203 as requested in File No. EB-2016-0196.

Should the Board require any additional information from the Township of West Lincoln, please do not hesitate to contact this writer.

Yours very truly,

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Per:



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Enclosure

cc—Mayor Doug Joyner
cc—Mr. Chris Carter, Chief Administrative Officer
cc—Mr. Brian Treble, Director of Planning and Building
cc—Ms. Carolyn Langley, Clerk,
Township of West Lincoln

cc—Ms. Héloïse Apestéguy-Reux,
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June 28, 2016

Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
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Dear Ms. Walli:

This is a letter of public comment in support of the application filed June 17, 2016 (EB-2016-0196) to amend the leave to construct application (the "Amendment") initially approved by the Ontario Energy Board dated July 3, 2014 (the "Initial Decision").

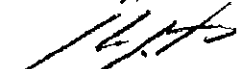
The Township of West Lincoln (the "Township") is in full support of the Amendment. More specifically, the Township has provided its approval for the Smithville By-pass route as set out on the map at Schedule "E" of the Amendment, including approval for the use of the Township's road allowances (including the unopened road allowance) as shown on the map at Schedule "E" of the Amendment.

The Smithville By-pass will assist the Township of West Lincoln as it strives to be a complete community, providing essential services to our increasing population. Any variation to the approved Smithville By-Pass Plan would be detrimental to the Township of West Lincoln and the Region of Niagara.

The Township of West Lincoln is confident that the OEB will now consider this application on its merits. In doing so, the Township of West Lincoln respectfully requests that the OEB complete this determination in a timely manner so that the project can move ahead as soon as possible and not be prejudiced by any unnecessary delay.

If the Ontario Energy Board requires further information from the Township of West Lincoln, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



Chris Carter, CAO

cc. Carolyn Langley, Clerk
Brian Treble, Director of Planning & Building
Brent Julian, Director of Public Works
Mayor & Members of Council