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Dear Sir/Madam,

Algonquin Power or its subsidiary Windlectric is applying to the Ontario Energy Board for an electricity generation licence. This seems a peculiar move on the part of a company which does not appear to be feel obliged to meet other requirements before commencing the construction of their Industrial Wind Turbine project on Amherst Island. At this point, they are still waiting for the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change to decide if they will issue a Certificate of Property Use – prerequisite to the building of a mainland dock on shoreline currently used as a public park – and there are several other approvals still needed.

The REA for this project was issued in August 2015, and even now, 20 months later, the company has not negotiated a Roads Use Agreement with the County of Lennox and Addington, nor have they met the requirements of the Loyalist Township administration on more than one level, including a sufficiently detailed Operations and Traffic Management plan. They did not meet a transmission line installation deadline put in place by the IESO, and only last week, ironically following a chemical spill involving barges delivering material to the Island, did the company put forth an unfortunately vague Marine Safety Plan, demanded for months. Algonquin Power/Windlectric has repeatedly failed to meet the requirement for public information sessions. They have altered the project to the point where there are objections based on the fact that it no longer reflects the terms of the original contract.

It does seem peculiar that this company, so far behind in their proposed schedule, feels it appropriate to approach your board for a licence to generate electricity in Ontario when to date, due mainly to their own failure to meet requirements, they have been unable to complete any aspect of the project other than the initial work on a dock on the Island. It is premature, surely, and perhaps even presumptuous.

Thank you for your attention to this situation.

Yours truly,

Sheila Whiting