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To Ontario Energy Board,

I want to start by confirming that I don't believe that climate change can be stopped; but I do believe that a reduction in the rate at which we are adding greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and actually reducing GHG emissions will make a difference. Furthermore I believe that by continuing to forestall the necessary interventions means that the consequences will be far worse: economically and in terms of quality of our lives. At all jurisdictions, including the Province and persons & businesses need to take action now.

Given this I am appalled that this pipeline increase is being seriously considered. Yes our electricity demand will increase as gas combustion engines are converted to electricity (e.g. cars and trucks.) And I understand that currently our electricity supply is forecasted to be inadequate. The answer must not be to run the gas fired generators more to supplement as they produce more GHG. Rather the alternatives of installing more renewable energy production sites need to be accelerated; and very importantly conservation i.e. reduction of use of electricity and gas needs be vigorously promoted and encouraged. The 2nd largest source of GHG emissions is buildings; retrofits need to be encouraged and perhaps mandated. As I said earlier, all jurisdictions and people & businesses need to take action: financial support for retrofits, installation of new renewables capacity is required.

Furthermore, building the Dawn-Parkway gas pipeline represents a risk to wetlands. Given that wetlands are one of "nature's instrument" to absorb GHG and other pollutants it is foolish to be taking such risk.

Finally, even though I am not a fan of the intention of the Province to rebuild/maintain the nuclear supply base it is critical that its potential in terms of supply needs to be appropriately incorporated in the longyterm picture.

In conclusion, there is need for a very comprehensive assessment of climate change impact with the pipeline.

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