

October 2, 2015

Independent Electricity System Operator
1600-120 Adelaide Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 1T1

Re: CAA ID: 2014-533
Henvey Inlet – Transmission Route

Attention: IESO Customer Relations:

It has come to FOCA's attention that the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is currently considering transmission routes from the proposed Henvey Inlet Wind Energy Centre (HIWEC). FOCA is writing to add our comments before IESO renders a decision on the viability of transmission line options.

FOCA is the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations, a not-for-profit membership organization with 500 member Associations across Ontario that represent 50,000 waterfront property owning families.

One of our member groups, the Mill Lake Guardians Association (MLGA), has approached FOCA with concerns about transmission lines along proposed "Route B," which they report would cross private lands and necessitate the forced lease or appropriation of private property.

According to the AECOM report, "*Henvey Inlet Wind – Transmission Line Environmental Review Report – Interim Draft*," dated June 2015, two potential routes are being considered for the new Transmission Line from HIWEC, and final selection of a preferred route is subject to technical analysis by IESO, with a decision "expected to be announced by the Fall of 2015."
(http://henveyinletwind.com/index.php/download_file/view/243/135/)

Although the AECOM report states, "The Transmission Line corridors are predominantly located on Crown-owned or managed lands," MLGA reports that they have been informed Route B lines will cross private lands near Mill Lake.

FOCA understands that MLGA has attempted to contact IESO to express concern about Route B. Also, in August, the Council of the Municipality of McDougall passed a Resolution that the Council, "strongly urges that Route A, being the lesser impactful route, be the route identified for the proposed Henvey Inlet Wind Project and that route B be totally disregarded."

FOCA respectfully enquires why a transmission route over private land would even be considered in this instance, when an alternate, shorter route is available?

With respect to HIWEC and other green energy projects, FOCA asks for clarification from IESO about the criteria used for decision-making when such projects are planned to cross or border private lands. While each situation is unique, FOCA remains concerned about adequate public consultation and engagement of affected property owners throughout these important processes.

We look forward to your earliest possible reply to our concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terry Rees". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Terry" being more prominent than the last name "Rees".

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