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Dear Sir/Madam:

RE: ONTARIO'S POWER SUPPLY PLAN: EBR REGISTRY NO. P005E001

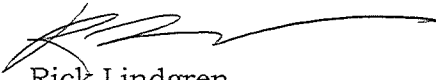
Here is a summary of my views on the recent OPA report and the Ontario Government's current efforts to develop a long-term power supply plan.

1. The limited public "consultation" on the OPA power supply recommendations is completely inadequate and unacceptable. Limited 10 days' notice, simultaneous meetings in different cities, total of two hours on public submissions -- all of these add up to a fundamentally flawed "process", especially given the size, scale, significance and COST (\$83 billion) of the infrastructure decisions being debated.
2. Ontario's long-term power supply plan must be subject to full environmental assessment under Ontario's EA Act, just as the 1989 Demand Supply Plan was subjected to EA. In my view, the substantive and procedural requirements of the EA Act are necessary to ensure that ALL relevant information is gathered BEFORE informed choices are made regarding the optimum supply mix. This also means that the proposed Integrated Power Supply Plan should be referred to the Environmental Review Tribunal for a full (not scoped) public hearing (perhaps in conjunction with the Ontario Energy Board as a joint hearing). The Premier has made recent commitments in Hansard that the outcome of the current consultations will be subject to EA -- I presume that this means Ontario's EA Act, and I presume that the Government intends to honour this commitment.
3. Ontario's long-term energy plan must be primarily based on energy efficiency/conservation (including demand management) and renewable energy sources. Benefits of this approach include: (a) less smog and greenhouse gas emissions; (b) improved ecosystem health and public health/safety; and (c) enhanced opportunities to boost Ontario's green industries and technologies.
4. The Ontario government has promised to close (and keep closed) Ontario's coal-fired power plants. For environmental and health reasons, it is imperative for the Government to implement this promise as expeditiously as possible.
5. We must begin planning now for the orderly and timely phase-out of nuclear generation in this province. The track record of our nuclear fleet is clear -- it represents the most costly and least reliable energy source, plus it contributes

to the intractable problem of safely disposing high-level and low-level radioactive waste. The significant risks to the environment and public posed by nuclear plants (either by routine discharges or by accidents/spills) cannot be discounted or ignored. Expanding Ontario's nuclear fleet is, in my view, a "made-in-Ontario" disaster, from a fiscal, environmental or health perspective. Therefore, as an Ontario taxpayer, electricity consumer, and parent, I do NOT support the OPA's ill-conceived suggestion to expand nuclear capacity in the province.

I trust that my comments will be taken into account as the Government decides how to proceed to meet Ontario's long-term energy requirements.

Yours truly,



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