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Dear Ms. Walli,

I am writing to you with regard to the OPG Notice of Application for Approval of the Integrated Power System Plan as I have serious reservations about the Ministry of Energy direction to rely upon wind power to supply part of the provincial energy mix.

Experience in other countries has shown wind to be unreliable, impractical and difficult to put on the transmission grid. As transmission capacity is at a premium in this province, this would not be a cost-effective use of our transmission lines.

I have been tracking the performance of the existing wind farms in Ontario at www.sygration.com and it is quite evident that they are not producing power when demand is highest and they are not achieving their stated capacity. I'd be surprised if they are averaging more than 25% of their capacity, which in my opinion, is a poor return for our tax dollars. While I understand that the Ontario government is committed to clean energy, it would be a better use of resources to concentrate on methods of energy production that are stable and reliable: nuclear, clean coal and hydro-electric. The long-term availability and cost of natural gas make it an expensive option.

The idea that wind energy is free and green does not stand up under close inspection. It ends up being an expensive, politically-correct but ineffective "add-on" to the transmission grid that cannot

be counted upon for base load and will not replace a single fossil fuel generating station – gas or coal. With the amount of money that we will have to spend in the next ten years to refurbish existing reactors, build new units and expand transmission corridors, can we really afford the “illusion” of wind power? As far as I am concerned, the answer to that question is ‘NO’.

Yours truly,

Tony Clark

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