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Ligne Grand-Brûlé/Vignan à 315 kV  
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Attention : Mme. Anne-Lyne Boutin

Re: Projet du ligne à 315 kv Grand Brulé – Vignon par Hydro Québec

I am a resident of Quebec. I am a current landowner (and soon to be permanent resident) in Mulgrave and Derry. I am also owner of a small saw mill business "Scie Smallian".

My great grandfather helped settle Mulgrave and Derry, being a farmer and by establishing a tourist business. As a result, there is a Smallian Lake and a Smallian Road to honor my ancestors involvement in the community.

My interest in this project is not to oppose the project. However, if the line must pass through Mulgrave and Derry, then the most logical path is the Hydro-Québec proposal of "October 2000".

The October 2000 proposal was established after much consultation with the municipal council of Mulgrave and Derry and Hydro Québec. Hydro Québec recognized that moving the line into the "Réserve faunique Papineau-Labelle" would affect fewer residents of Mulgrave and Derry.

Prior to the establishment of the Réserve faunique Papineau-Labelle, this area of land provided both part time and full time employment for many residents of Mulgrave and Derry, mostly as caretakers for the private fish and game clubs. The "Réserve" was established to provide access to all people of Québec. (Now, few if any, people of Mulgrave and Derry are employed within the Reserve.) Since the Hydro line will benefit the people of Québec, then it should be placed in the Réserve, which was also established for the people of Québec.

There may be an argument from "SEPAQ" that the "Ligne à 315kv Grand Brulé – Vignon" should not pass through the Réserve faunique Papineau-Labelle as it will disturb the fauna within the Reserve. But I challenge SEPAQ that should the line be moved into other populated areas of Mulgrave and Derry (as considered by earlier proposals), that the fauna of Mulgrave and Derry will also be disturbed. I can show that within the populated areas of Mulgrave and Derry, we have forest areas that are more natural and pristine, and less impacted by logging, then the area of the Réserve faunique Papineau-Labelle.

The Réserve faunique Papineau-Labelle has three uses: logging, fishing, and hunting. The "Ligne à 315kv Grand Brulé - Vignon", will effectively be a clear-cut path through the réserve, not unlike much of the logging that is currently underway within the Réserve. Few, if any of the lakes will be more affected, and there will be little or no impact on the hunting.

There has been almost no clear-cut logging in the populated areas of Mulgrave and Derry, so the line would be very noticeable should it pass through this area. This area contains many cottages, and the line would discourage further touristic development, to the detriment of the whole community.

The clear-cut line would provide easy navigational paths through the forest, attracting many hunters and fishermen, and creating a problem for the private landowners of Mulgrave and Derry. However, this would not be a problem with the line in the Réserve faunique Papineau-Labelle.

I can appreciate the involvement of BAPE for the protection of the environment. But I also commend the consultation process of Hydro Québec. If the line must pass through Mulgrave and Derry, then there can be no alternative, other than the Hydro Québec proposal of "October 2000". The Hydro Québec proposal of "October 2000" is the only acceptable route.

Thank you for your consideration of the viewpoints expressed above.



Donald Smallian