

October 3, 2000

Mme. Anne-Lyne Boutin  
Co-ordannatrice du Secretariat de la BAPE  
575 rue Saint-Amable  
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Quebec, Quebec  
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Re: Projet de ligne à 315 kV Brûlé-Vignan

Dear Madame Boutin,

Further to the request for comments concerning the above mentioned project, we would like to say that we would prefer that the project not go ahead at all. Whatever route the line takes is going to negatively affect the environment in some way or other.

If we must choose a route, we would support the route proposed by Hydro-Quebec, namely Variant 2. We would also live with Variant 1. We believe the Hydro choice to be the least injurious to the communities the project will ultimately serve. For one thing the more northern route will be more away from residential areas. It will therefore be the least noticeable route from a visual and esthetic standpoint. Also there is strong evidence to suggest that electromagnetic radiation from high tension power lines can have a negative impact on the health of people and cattle who live nearby. The northern route selected by Hydro will also be less susceptible to the risk of ice storm damage.

We are totally against the Variant 3 because it would negatively impact the scenic beauty of the Mayo valley and its lovely church.

We also find Variant 4 unacceptable because it would adversely impact the value of our recreational property between Gull Lake and Hawk Lake in Mulgrave Township. We are beginning the development of the south end of Hawk Lake and we feel the presence of hydro towers would constitute visual "pollution" and would greatly diminish the recreational value of our properties in an area that is expressly zoned for recreational and tourism purposes.

Thank you for this opportunity to make our views known to the commission.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard Hermon".

Richard Hermon  
Gullrock Investments Inc.

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