

Rick Lindgren

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Sent: Wednesday, December 06, 2006 6:10 PM
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Subject: RE: Letter on IPSP Review

Hi again Rick,

Here is my letter as promised. Like you I'll be intrigued to see the content, especially in view of the recent revelations about Bruce Nuclear locking up the grid. (see below)

David

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From: cleanair-l-bounces@list.web.net [mailto:cleanair-l-bounces@list.web.net] On Behalf Of Ontario Clean Air Alliance

Sent: Tuesday, December 05, 2006 3:11 PM

To: cleanair-l@list.web.net

Subject: [cleanair-l] Green power sidelined

Clean, green power development along the shores of Lake Huron has been put on hold by the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) in order to give the Bruce Nuclear station first priority access to the region's transmission grid. And now we have learned that Bruce Power, the private company that has leased the Bruce Nuclear Plant from the Ontario Government, plans to use that same grid to export power to the United States. Bruce Power has recently filed an application with the National Energy Board seeking approval for exports and is applying for a power marketer's licence from the appropriate U.S. agencies.

So what's the real story? Is Ontario in such a power crunch that we have to keep dirty coal plants burning for another decade or more? Or do we expect to soon have so much surplus power that the OPA itself has developed plans for significant coal-fired electricity exports in 2010, and Bruce Power is now seeking approval to export nuclear electricity to the U.S.? Is the province committed to the development of clean renewable power, like the significant wind power potential of the Lake Huron shoreline, or is it going to stop renewable projects from proceeding in order to ensure that Bruce Power can get its power to market? There's a very fishy smell coming off the Lake Huron shoreline these days and it's not from a local clam bake.

What we are really seeing are the true outlines of the OPA's 1950s-style mega-project plan for Ontario's power system - three or four big nuclear plants backstopped by dirty coal generators to meet most of the province's energy needs. Green power and conservation, meanwhile, are second-class citizens that must not get in the way of big power company profits or mega-project planning. It's not pretty and it's not what the Premier likes to talk about, but it is the evolving reality in Ontario.

If this is not the future you want for Ontario, write our political leaders and tell them it's time to get our priorities straight: Premier McGuinty - dmcguinty.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org, Progressive Conservative Leader John Tory - john.tory@pc.ola.org and NDP Leader Howard Hampton - hhampton-qp@ndp.on.ca all need to hear from you!

Please pass this message on to your friends.

Thank you.

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From: Rick Lindgren [mailto:r.lindgren@sympatico.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, December 06, 2006 2:23 PM
To: David McRobert
Subject: Re: Letter on IPSP Review

Thanks, David, for your update note. I, like the Commish, am prepared to wait & see if I actually get a response on or before Dec. 13th. Of course, this wouldn't be the first time the MOE has set & then missed deadlines. Regardless of when the MOE response arrives, the "substance" should be intriguing, to say the least...

RL

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From: "David McRobert" <david.mcrobert@eco.on.ca>
To: <r.lindgren@sympatico.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, December 06, 2006 12:14 PM
Subject: Letter on IPSP Review

Hi Rick,

I hope you are doing well and not too stressed about the typical holiday season madness.

I've been out of the office a great deal lately so I lost track of our response to you on your letter to the Commissioner re: the CELA Review of the IPSP Exemption Regulation (O. Reg. 276/06) dated Nov. 8th, 2006. The analyst on the file also was sick for the past couple of weeks with pneumonia and I think my draft letters on this file were misplaced. I apologize for the delay in getting back to you.

We called the MOE about your application earlier today and staff in the Minister's office advised the Commissioner that a response to your application should be forthcoming in the next 7 days. The Commissioner says he wants to wait and see whether MOE will deliver on this promise.

Call me if you want to chat about this further. I'll will probably send out

a letter to you, copying the people that received your original letter.

regards,
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