

3. Messrs Ashton, Davidson and Jones

- i) The route location approved by the Joint Board, which is the subject of this petition, was recommended by the Township of Goulbourn, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture and several residents of Goulbourn Township affected by Ontario Hydro's recommended route.
  
- ii) The petitioners expressed concern in their petition that the Hydro lines would negatively affect future residential development. Ontario Hydro disagrees with this suggestion. There are numerous examples in the immediate area, such as Bridlewood, where residential development has taken place immediately adjacent to an existing right-of-way.
  
- iii) Ontario Hydro policy is that no directly affected owner should experience a financial loss resulting from the acquisition of land, construction and operation of a transmission line. Ontario Hydro completes an appraisal report on each property occupied by a transmission line. This report estimates the amount of the loss in value resulting from the presence of the line including

all damages or injurious affection to the remaining lands. The owner is protected in terms of fair compensation by the provisions of the Expropriations Act.

- iv) Ontario Hydro submits that the Joint Board took into account and weighed all of the evidence placed before it and made an appropriate decision. In our respectful submission, this petition should be denied.