

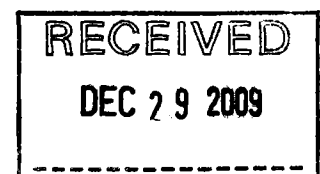


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Dear Mr Bird ,

I am a resident of the Durham area and recently attended the public meeting held at the Community Centre on December 7 2009 ,with respect to the proposed East Durham Wind Farm Project.I had a number of questions which your representatives were either unable to answer or indicated that they were not in a position to answer ,and so I am writing to you ,hopefully ,to get some clarity on certain issues.

While the initial project is for 12 turbines the general assumption is that there will be additional phases which will significantly increase the number of turbines deployed.When I asked specifically about this I was informed that 12 turbines constituted the sum total of the project and that no additional turbines are contemplated either now or at a future date!Having been in business myself for 40 years I find this a little hard to believe.Given the significant up front capital outlays plus the operational costs of providing access roads;underground transmission lines;links to the grid;etc even the the ludicrous subsidies provided by the Ontario Government could not make 12 turbines economically viable.So I would like confirmation in writing that the ultimate goal for this project is indeed



**indeed just 12 turbines.**

**At the meeting a flow chart was on display showing the “process” for gaining approval for the project. It showed that after a business analysis by the company the next phase was the initial public meeting –the one held on December 7 2009. Why then were a number of people in the area approached months ago and signed up to lengthy “leases” agreeing to have turbines on their land prior to any public notification to the impacted residents of the area? I did ask which Department of the Ontario Government was the company working with -and who presumably will have the authority to approve this project. Your representative did not know so perhaps you can answer my question.**

**I asked for a copy of a typical lease or option that residents will be asked to sign permitting turbines on their land –up front payments; term; ongoing payments etc. Your representatives did not have copies and were not prepared to even comment in the broadest terms. You have to wonder at a process that lacks any transparency and indeed that includes gag orders on those that do sign leases!**

**Mr Bird I look forward to having my questions answered since I think it is important for all concerned to be able to discuss the key issues openly.**

**Sincerely**

**Cc Mr Bill Murdoch MPP  
Mr Kevin Eccles**

  
**R.M. Kelly**

