

Ontario Clean Air Alliance

October 2007 Provincial Election Questionnaire

Response by Selwyn J. Hicks – Liberal Candidate – Bruce Grey Owen Sound

Question: Do you support Hydro One's proposal to build a new \$635 million high-voltage electricity transmission line from the Bruce Nuclear Station to the Town of Milton?

Answer: Yes

Additional Comments:

I am committed to increased renewable hydro generation such as wind and solar power. You will notice a major investment in wind turbines along the Lake Huron corridor. Even with much more conservation, renewable energy and additional hydro-electric capacity, we still need the Bruce Nuclear station to meet our growing needs.

High voltage electricity transmission lines are needed to connect that electricity to the main grid.

These transmission lines deliver a stable electricity supply to Ontario. This infrastructure was neglected for ten years under the Conservative government, during which we experienced the blackout of 2003.

When it comes to renewable energy, the Liberals have taken Ontario from being last in North America to a leader. We've gone from having 10 wind turbines to 690 in just four years. The largest solar farm in North America is being built in Sarnia, Ontario.

As the Liberal Member of Parliament, I will ensure a very robust consultation process with property owners and farmers regarding any new lines or the expansion of electricity transmission lines.

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