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Sent: August 8, 2007 9:28 AM
To: Jessica@cleanairalliance.org
Subject: re: Questionnaire

Dear Jessica,

Thank you for sending the questionnaire regarding the option of a transmission line being built in the east end of Toronto that was included in the Ontario Power Authority's (OPA) discussion paper on Transmission. In order to best explain my position, I am sending you my thoughts on this matter.

The OPA is an independent body responsible for long term planning and ensuring the energy needs of every community in the province are met.

The east Toronto line was one of several preliminary options that are being explored by the OPA to address the electricity and transmission needs of our growing community.

You should know that I do not support the idea of a transmission line being built through our community and you should also know that my colleague the Minister of Energy has made it clear that there is no plan to do so.

Instead, we are investing in alternatives such as conservation programs because the McGuinty Government believes those are the first solutions to addressing the needs of our city.

We have taken several steps to reduce Toronto's demand for electricity through several conservation initiatives for Toronto homeowners

including:

- * Peak-Saver
- * 10/10 Summer Challenge
- * The Great Refrigerator Round-up
- * Every Kilowatt Counts
- * Cool Savings

We have also directed the OPA to work with Toronto Hydro, the City of Toronto and the Building Owners and Managers Association to develop an additional 330 megawatts of conservation in the GTA by 2010.

The McGuinty government is also expanding the renewable energy potential of our city through an innovative Standard Offer program that encourages the development of small, community-based renewable energy projects. We are also moving forward with investments in supply like the new, 550 megawatt clean natural gas-fired facility at the Portlands Energy Centre in downtown Toronto.

Thank you for letting me know about your concerns. I will be following the OPA's study of Ontario's electricity needs attentively, and would be pleased to hear from you if you have any additional concerns.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Wynne, MPP

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