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*Via e-mail*

To Whom it May Concern:

**Re: Electricity Planning in Southwest Ontario**

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the IESO's options for the Kingsville-Leamington regional electricity study and draft recommendations for the West of London Bulk Plan.

The policies of the County of Elgin Official Plan permit public service facilities and infrastructure in all land use designations, subject to any regulatory requirements such as the provisions of the Environmental Assessment Act. Where companies subject to federal or provincial control propose new utility installations, it is the policy of the Plan to encourage where feasible and appropriate:

- a) the screening of antennas and towers from view from roads or scenic vistas through landscaping, fencing or other architectural screening;
- b) the use of innovative design measures such as the integration of such uses with existing buildings and/or streetscape features such as gateways, lamp posts and signs;
- c) the co-location clustering of different utilities to minimize impacts;
- d) the use of existing infrastructure where possible such as water towers or utility poles; and,
- e) the siting of utilities away from sensitive land uses.

Please note any future infrastructure changes and installations within the County of Elgin road allowance will require road occupancy permits.

The County of Elgin looks forward to working with the IESO and reviewing further information as it becomes available.

Sincerely,

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