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File: Greenwich Windfarm OR 300-1-0590

Memo To: Ontario Energy Board (boardsec@oeb.gov.on.ca)
Ms. Helen Newland, Council to Greenwich Windfarm
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Mr. Nicolas Muszynski, Greenwich Windfarm,
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From: Dave Bell
Project Manager

Date: October 16, 2009

Subject: **Notice for Application and Hearing for Leave to Construct
Transmission Facilities for the Greenwich Windfarm (Ontario
Energy Board file EB 2009-0315)**

Thank you for the Notice for Application and Hearing for Leave to Construct Transmission Facilities for the Greenwich Windfarm (Ontario Energy Board file EB 2009-0315) dated September 17, 2009, received by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (Agency) on October 6, 2009.

The Agency understands that Canadian Renewable Energy Systems Canada Inc. is proposing a new 230KV transmission line to serve its proposed Greenwich windfarm. Please note that this is the first notification of the transmission facility received by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency.

The *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*, applies to federal authorities when they contemplate certain action or decisions in relation to a project that would enable it to proceed in whole or in part. A federal environmental assessment (EA) may be required when a federal authority:

- is the proponent of the project;
- provides financial assistance to the proponent;
- sells, leases or otherwise disposes of federal lands; or
- issues a permit, licence or any other approval as prescribed in the *Law List Regulations*.

If there is uncertainty as to whether the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* applies to the project, the Agency can help proponents answer this question. For projects that are subject to the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* and the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* the Agency acts as the federal environmental assessment coordinator and facilitate the involvement of the federal authorities in a coordinated assessment aimed at meeting all agencies' needs simultaneously.

In order for the Agency to undertake either of these roles, it must have a project description that can be distributed to various federal authorities to determine their interest in the project. To better assist proponents, the Agency has developed an Operational Policy Statement, which provides guidance in preparing project descriptions. This is available on the Agency's website at: http://www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca/013/0002/ops_ppd_e.htm

If your purpose in sending us this notice is to determine whether the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* applies, please be aware that simple notification is not sufficient. A project description will be required. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the undersigned at 416-952-1574.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dave Bell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "Dave" and "Bell" being capitalized and prominent.

Dave Bell