



EB-2010-0047

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act*,
1998, S.O.1998, c.15, Schedule B;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Grand
Valley Wind Farms Inc. for an electricity generation
licence.

By delegation, before: Jennifer Lea

DECISION AND ORDER

Grand Valley Wind Farms Inc. filed an application dated February 23, 2010 with the Ontario Energy Board under section 60 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* for an electricity generation licence as a Standard Offer Program participant. The applicant requested that the licence be issued under the name of "Grand Valley Wind Farms Inc. Phase 1".

The Board's Notice of Application and Written Hearing for an electricity generation licence was posted on the Board's web site on March 17, 2010. No parties responded to the Notice of Application and Written Hearing.

Grand Valley Wind Farms Inc. has a 20-year RESOP contract with the Ontario Power Authority. The start date of the 20-year contract will be based on the date the facility achieves commercial operation. The contract with the Ontario Power Authority provides that failure to achieve commercial operation by December 31, 2011 will result in termination of the contract. The planned commercial operation date is November 1, 2010.

The standard term of an electricity generation licence is 20 years. However, given the provisions of the contract, I find that the licence should be granted for a term of two years to allow the applicant to achieve commercial operation. Grand Valley Wind Farms Inc. shall notify the Board when commercial operation has been achieved, and the Board at that time will consider the issuance of a licence with the standard 20-year term.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The application for an electricity generation licence is granted for a period of two years.
2. Grand Valley shall submit confirmation that “Grand Valley Wind Farms Inc. Phase 1” has achieved commercial operation within 30 days of doing so.
3. It is also a condition of this order that the applicant comply with the terms of the connection agreement for a small embedded generation facility or a mid-sized embedded generation facility as set out in Appendix E to the Distribution System Code.

DATED at Toronto, May 6, 2010.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

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