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## Kirsten Walli

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Dear Ms. Walli:

RE: Confirmation of Request for Intervenor Status on Behalf of the Corporation of Haldimand County for EB-2011-0063: Application for Leave to Construct Transmission Facilities for Grand Renewable Wind LP

We are in receipt of the Board's correspondence dated June 7, 2011 and Procedural Order #1.

Haldimand County confirms its desire to continue to participate as an intervenor in this proceeding.

As identified in the County's original request dated April 14, 2011, the County has concerns with respect to several issues within the jurisdiction of the Board. This project involves the construction of 95% of the proposed transmission lines within the municipal right-of-way ("ROW") pursuant to s. 41 of the *Electricity Act*, 1988.

The application sets out a series of considerations with respect to this transmission corridor. Many of these issues require the development of detailed plans and agreements with the County. The County has concerns with the proposed location of overhead transmission lines along this municipal road in the ROW as well as their proximity to the travelled lanes. Haldimand is also concerned with potential congestion in the ROW, which may affect availability as well as cost to future users who may wish to connect with the system.

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The County recognizes that some of its environmental concerns, which fall outside the jurisdiction of this Board, may be more appropriately addressed in the Ministry of the Environment's Renewable Energy Approval process. Haldimand intends to limit any submissions in this proceeding to those matters falling within the Board's statutory considerations under section 92 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998.

Yours very truly,

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