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Ms. Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street 27th Floor Toronto, Ontario M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

## Re: EB-2011-0217 - South Kent Wind LP

We are writing in regard to the July 28, 2011 letter (the "Letter") from William & Mary Ann Machacek and William Alan & Anne English in the above-referenced matter. The Applicant has no objection to this group being granted intervenor status, provided the intervention is restricted to the scope of the proceeding. The Board's Notice of Application was very specific about the scope of the proceeding:

"For a leave to construct application that is filed under section 92 of the *Act*, such as this application, section 96(2) of the *Act* provides that when determining if a proposed work is in the public interest, the Board's jurisdiction is *limited* to consideration of:

- the interests of consumers with respect to price and the reliability and quality of electricity service, and
- where applicable and in a manner consistent with the policies of the Government of Ontario, the promotion of the use of renewable energy sources.

Therefore, the Board has no power to review what might broadly be described as "environmental" issues. The generation facility itself (i.e. the wind farm) also is not part of the leave to construct application and does not fall within the scope of this proceeding.

Any environmental issues related to this project are to be considered through the Renewable Energy Approval ("REA") process. Please contact South Kent Wind LP directly for information on the REA process."

It is apparent from the Letter that the issues of concern may broadly be described as "environmental" and are directed at the owner of the land on which the Applicant has planned to locate the Corridor Line. We question whether the concerns raised in the Letter fall within the scope of the proceeding. Further, according to the Letter costs will be sought for expert advice. The Applicant is concerned that this group may incur significant expenses that may not be recoverable.

For these reasons, we respectfully request that the Board determine whether the basis for this group's intervention falls within the scope of the proceeding before granting intervenor status.

Sincerely,

Andrew Taylor