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VIA COURIER, EMAIL AND RESS

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street
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Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Response to Letter Dated March 8, 2012
Brant County Power Inc. ("BCP")
Board File No.: EB-2012-0077**

I am writing in response to your letter of March 8, 2012 which sought additional information regarding the Application. My apologies for taking so long to respond but vacations over the March Break hindered getting responses.

I have responded to the questions as posed in the letter for ease of reference.

1) Tab 1.3.1(b) MicroFIT Facilities:

a) Range in kW per facility.

See Attached list. All projects are MicroFIT projects. The Ontario Power Authority MicroFIT program has a facility capacity limit of 10kW. All projects are to be 10kW with the exception of the Downtown Administrative Complex which has a capacity of 5kW.

b) Expected commercial operation date for the first facility and the last facility.

Where commercial operation dates are planned they have been provided. As noted in the Tab 1.3.1(b) some of the facilities have not yet received a response from the Ontario Power Authority. Under the MicroFIT program, proponents have 6 months from the receipt of the Conditional Offer of a contract from the Ontario Power Authority to achieve commercial operation. Brant County Power Inc. has provided commercial operation dates where available.

c) Name the operator of the proposed facilities and if they are licenced by the OEB provide their licence number.

To the knowledge of Brant County Power Inc., a decision on the operator of the facilities has not been finalized by the County of Brant. There have been discussions regarding Brant County Power Services Inc. ("BCPSI") operating the facilities on behalf of the County of Brant but no decision has been finalized.

d) The aggregate capacity in MW.

The total aggregate capacity is 0.095MW for all 10 projects.

2) With respect to the proposed projects

a) What is the total cost and how will this be funded?

The total cost of all 10 potential projects is \$610,000.00. Brant County Power Inc. understands the County of Brant will fund the projects from its existing funds and working capital and that no new borrowing will be required for the completion of the projects. Council for the County of Brant has approved funds for such projects.

b) How will they affect other facilities with a FIT Contract to connect to the local distribution system?

Brant County does not believe there will be any affect and are not aware of any FIT Project that has been rejected or amended as a result of the proposed projects. If other facilities have a FIT contract then the Transmission Availability Test and the Distribution Availability Tests would have been completed as part of the application process with the Ontario Power Authority.

c) Please indicate if the customer choice regarding generation, wholesalers and retailers will be affected.

Customer choice will not be affected. Customers can still procure power through a wholesaler or retailer as they determine is in their interest. Customers will still be able to become a generator. BCP has not, to date rejected any FIT or MicroFIT projects as a result of capacity limitations. However, BCP sees a point where capacity may become limited and this may impact a customer's ability to become a generator. These projects will be reviewed and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Distribution System Code.

Additional Information

During our review of this matter, it was discovered that approval under section 80 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998 was not expressly given by the Board for 3 facilities which were built and are owned by BCP. Two of the facilities were identified in BCP's

2011 cost of service rate proceeding. As such BCP would request the facilities identified below be included in its consideration of the section 80 application. These facilities were paid for by BCP during the normal course of operations and no new funding was required.

BCP has invested in three (3) specific micro-FIT renewable generation facilities:

- 65 Dundas St East, Paris ON (LDC property),
 - 5 kW, roof mount solar, \$30,000
 - 5 kW, tracking ground mount solar, \$55,000
- 708 Rest Acres Rd, Paris ON (BCP property) – 10kW, tracking ground mount solar, Cost - \$65,000.

We trust this information is sufficient to move this matter along.

Yours truly,

AIRD & BERLIS LLP

Original signed by,

Scott A. Stoll

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cc: B. Noble, BCP (email)
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Table of Projects

| Site Name | Size | Commercial Operation | Cost |
|---|-------------|--|------------------|
| St. George Fire Station | 10kW | As soon as possible, construction has commenced | \$55,000 |
| Paris – Downtown Administrative Complex | 5kW | As soon as possible, construction has commenced. | \$55,000 |
| Paris Water Tower | 10kW | Prior to May 18, 2012 | \$70,000 |
| Mount Pleasant Community Centre | 10kW | Prior to June 1, 2012 | \$55,000 |
| Paris Fire Hall | 10kW | As soon as possible, construction underway | \$70,000 |
| Sub-Total | 45kW | | \$305,000 |
| Oakland Pleasant Community Centre | 10kW | Within 6 months of receipt of conditional offer from OPA | \$70,000 |
| South Dumfries Yard | 10kW | Within 6 months of receipt of conditional offer from OPA | \$55,000 |
| Mather Pit | 10kW | Within 6 months of receipt of conditional offer from OPA | \$70,000 |
| Burford Records Office | 10kW | Within 6 months of receipt of conditional offer from OPA | \$55,000 |
| Burford Fire Station | 10kW | Within 6 months of receipt of conditional offer from OPA | \$55,000 |
| Total | 95kW | | \$610,000 |

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