



EB-2012-0203

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

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application pursuant to
section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998 by
Grand Valley Wind Farms Inc. to amend its electricity
generation licence EG-2010-0047.

By delegation, before: Adrian Pye

DECISION AND ORDER

On April 16, 2012 Grand Valley Wind Farms Inc. filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board under section 74 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, for an amendment to its electricity generation licence to extend the term to 20 years.

Grand Valley Wind Farms Inc. applied for an electricity generation licence as a participant in the Ontario Power Authority's (OPA) Standard Offer Program (SOP) on February 23, 2010 (EB-2010-0047). Because the applicant had an SOP contract with the OPA that would take effect only once the applicant's facility had reached commercial operation, the Board issued an interim licence with a two year term rather than the standard 20 year term. The applicant was to request that the Board grant a standard 20 year licence once the facility had achieved commercial operation.

The applicant's April 16 letter stated that the facility had achieved commercial operation on March 19, 2012 and the applicant therefore requested that the Board issue a standard 20 year licence. The SOP contract between the Applicant and the OPA originally provided for the achievement of commercial operation by December 31, 2011, but was extended by the OPA to April 5, 2012 due to an event of Force Majeure.

I decided the application without a hearing pursuant to section 21(4)(b) of the Act since no other parties are adversely affected in a material way by the outcome of the proceeding and the applicant has consented to dispose of the matter without a hearing. The applicant has informed the Board that it has achieved commercial operation by the deadline set by the OPA. As the applicant has met the conditions outlined in the Board's 2010 decision, I find it to be in the public interest to grant the request and amend the Grand Valley Wind Farms Inc Phase I electricity generation licence to have a term of 20 years.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

Grand Valley Wind Farms Inc. Phase I request to extend the term of their licence to 20 years is granted. The amended licence is attached to this Order.

DATED at Toronto, May 3, 2012

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Adrian Pye
Manager, Licence Applications