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EB-2012-0442

## **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

IN THE MATTER OF the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15, Schedule B; and in particular sections 92 and 97 thereof;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Varna Wind Inc. (the "Applicant") for an Order or Orders granting leave to construct an electricity transmission line and related facilities in the County of Huron and for approval of the form of easement agreement that has been offered to landowners (the "Transmission Easement");

## REQUEST FOR INTERVENOR STATUS

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## CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BLUEWATER

- 1. The Corporation of the Municipality of Bluewater ("Bluewater") applies with this letter of intervention for Intervenor Status in the above noted proceedings, EB-2012-0442 (the "Application"), in accordance with section 23 of the Ontario Energy Board Rules of Practice and Procedure.
- 2. Bluewater received the Notice of Applications on the 24th of December, 2012.
- 3. Bluewater is a local municipality.
- 4. Bluewater will be directly affected by these Applications:
  - (a) Bluewater is the municipality in which the works contemplated by the Application will be located and constructed, and has an ongoing municipal public interest in this Application;
  - (b) Bluewater has an ownership interest in lands and/or lands adjacent to the lands which form the subject matter of the Application.
- 5. Bluewater requests two copies of the evidence and submissions respecting this Application, in respect of the Applicant, other Intervenors, and any notices or correspondence, and any amendments to the Application.
- 6. Bluewater cannot fully predict the extent of its participation in this matter but Bluewater intends to participate fully in the hearing of the Application, including, without limitation, adducing evidence, submitting interrogatories, cross-examining witnesses, and advancing argument to ensure that its rights and the municipal public interest in relation to the Applications are adequately addressed.

- 7. Bluewater has not received the Schedules to the Application.
- 8. Bluewater asserts that since a REA permit has not been issued and the parties have no knowledge of any conditions that may be attached to the permit relating to the construction of the transmission line this application is therefore premature.
- 9. Communications relating to this intervention should be directed to:

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- 10. Bluewater objects to a written hearing in this matter. Bluewater prefers an oral hearing in this matter, on the basis that:
  - (i) Bluewater possesses a statutory obligation to protect the interest of the residents of Bluewater. The residents of Bluewater have communicated to their representatives that vitally impacted by the construction of the works as set out in the Application.
  - (ii) Due to the significant public interest in the Application the residents of Bluewater are best served by an oral hearing.
- 11. Bluewater seeks costs from the Applicants both on the basis as the municipal representative of the public interest and as a person with an interest in and affected by the process, pursuant to sections 3.03(b) and (c), respectively, of the Ontario Energy Board's practice direction on costs.

DATED at the Municipality of Bluewater this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2013.

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BI UEWATER

Per: S. McAuley, Chief Admin strative Officer