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Kirsten Walli,
Board Secretary,
Ontario Energy Board,
Box 2319,
27th Floor,
2300 Yonge Street,
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

RE: Varna Wind Inc.
CB-2012-0442

The Corporation of the Municipality of Huron East received the notice for Leave to Construct for the above project on December 27th, 2012. The proposed transmission route is either within or immediately adjacent to 15 km of road allowances (Centennial Road and Hensall Road) that are under the jurisdiction of the Municipality of Huron East.

The Municipality of Huron East have been engaged in generally productive dialogue with the proponent concerning the transmission line since the commencement of this project. The dialogue has also involved discussions with Hydro One personnel.

It is difficult for the Municipality of Huron East to categorically state its desired level of involvement at this stage as, in the opinion of the Municipality, the application for Leave to Construct is premature for the following reasons:

- i) the project is currently being reviewed by the Ministry of the Environment
- ii) the proponent is actively engaged in discussions with landowners concerning site specific alternative routes/locations which may modify comments from the Municipality
- iii) site specific details have not been finalized and left with the Municipality for incorporation into road user agreements.

The Municipality of Huron East is cognizant of the authority given under Section 41 of the Electricity Act and the jurisdiction of the Board under Section 96 of the Ontario Energy Board Act.

As a minimum the Municipality of Huron East wishes to retain the right to provide written comments. Given the relative lack of detailed construction detail, if the proceedings are elevated to an oral hearing, the Municipality of Huron East will make a submission.

Given the timing of this notice and associated deadlines with this submission (Huron East Council meets on January 8th, 2013), I do not have the authority to request Intervenor status. In addition based on the status of the application and information to date, I would suggest that a request by the Municipality of Huron East for Intervenor status is premature at this date.

If additional information is required, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,



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