

January 4, 2013

Ontario Energy Board
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Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Attn: Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Via email: boardsec@ontarioenergyboard.ca

Re: EB2012-0442

Application by Varna Wind Inc. For Leave to Construct an Electricity Transmission Line and Related
Facilities in Huron County

Dear Madam,

Pursuant to the requirement for application of "Intervenor Status" for the above mentioned Leave to Construct by Varna Wind Inc. as advised by Mr. Rudra Mukherji, Project Advisor with the OEB by January 4, 2013, we formally request such Intervenor Status effective today, January 4th 2012.

On December 24, 2012 we received by registered mail a letter from Next Era indicating that the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) directed them to send to us a copy of the Notice of Application and hearing as referenced above. Due to the timing of their notification being directly before the Christmas holidays we have been unable to confirm our solicitor but we can confirm that they will be from the following law firm:

Cohen Highly LLP
255 Queens Avenue
London ON N6A 5R8
(519) 672-9330

Within the next week we should have a confirmation of solicitor at Cohen Highly LLP.

We operate a 300 cow dairy business residing on to the proposed transmission line route located at 42372 Centennial Road, Seaforth Ontario N0K 1W0. There is potential inherent economic and production risk to our operation as a result of the proposed transmission line infrastructure project by Varna Wind Inc. to our dairy business. As well, Varna Wind Inc. and its parent company, Next Era Canada ULC have not satisfied our, nor the public's interest, in assuring the economic viability of this project via it's open houses or council meetings within the Municipality of Bluewater or the Municipality of Huron East.

Next Era presented to us about a year ago an Easement Agreement and Easement Option Agreement. These documents have been shown to several lawyers and every lawyer urges NOT TO SIGN. They create a cloud on title and would prohibit us from carrying on our business operations as a going concern from a lending and operational perspective.

Answers to our questions have gone unanswered by Next Era and they have been uncooperative and uncommunicative when asked about things like what sort of liability insurance they will carry, and whether or not they will provide construction/decommissioning bonds for the project. They also continue to tell different landowners different facts while completely changing the facts again to coerce landowners to sign the agreements.

We also formally request an oral hearing for these proceedings so that you may hear in person from affected individuals and affected municipalities, and hopefully come to understand the hardships we as Centennial Road landowners have endured as a result of the unethical business tactics Next Era has used to push this transmission line project thru. In this way you may have a complete set of information to work with in order to base your ultimate decision for this case, and not just conduct the hearing Ex Parte as Next Era is attempting to establish.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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