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Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
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Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: McLean's Mountain Wind Limited Partnership
Application for Feed-in-Tariff Program Electricity Generation Licence
Board File No. EB-2013-0015**

We are counsel to McLean's Mountain Wind Limited Partnership ("McLean"), the Applicant in the above captioned matter.

This Application relates to the 60 MW McLean's Mountain Wind Farm (referred to here as the "Generation Facility") to be located on Manitoulin Island. The Generation Facility and related infrastructure have been approved through the Renewable Energy Approval process, and the Board has granted leave to construct the transmission facilities that will connect the Generation Facility to the IESO-controlled grid. The granting of the Licence that is requested in this Application will enable McLean to generate electricity from the Generation Facility in accordance with the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*.

The Board's Notice of Application and Written Hearing in this matter indicated that "The Board intends to proceed with this matter by way of a written hearing unless a party satisfies the Board that there is a good reason for not holding a written hearing." Persons objecting to a written hearing were to provide written reasons why an oral hearing is necessary. Those submissions were due to the Board and McLean by February 28, 2013.

McLean is in receipt of a request for an oral hearing from Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve No. 26 (referred to here as "Wikwemikong") dated February 28th. Yesterday, March 5, 2013, McLean received correspondence from MCSEA (previously a party to the McLean Leave to Construct proceeding – Board File No. EB-2011-0394 – and the REA proceeding). That correspondence appears to be a letter of comment, but Mr. Beaudry, of MCSEA, also writes that "We also wish to have the board recognize the request for an oral hearing by the Wikwemikong Unceded First Nation in EB-2013-0015."

Please note that McLean intends to reply to the oral hearing request. While no deadline for a reply is set out in the Notice of Application and Written Hearing, McLean anticipates having its reply to the Board by Friday, March 8, 2013. McLean also intends to respond to the written

submissions on the Application (in addition to the Wikwemikong and MCSEA correspondence, McLean is in receipt of correspondence from Ms. Emily Weber and Mrs. Anna Marie General), although we understand that the need for the Board to make its determination on the oral hearing request may affect the deadline for McLean's reply.

We trust that this will be satisfactory to the Board.

Yours very truly,

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Original signed by James C. Sidlofsky

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