

Corporation of the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe

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Ontario Energy Board P.O. Box 2319 2300 Yonge Street, 27th. Floor Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Attention:

Ms. Kirsten Walli,

Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Walli:

Re:

EB-2013-0040

EB-2013-0041

Please be advised that the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe hereby requests intervener status with respect to the above noted applications. In addition, the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe requests for the hearing of the applications to be conducted orally, as opposed to in writing.

The Municipality submits the following good reason exists for not holding a written hearing and instead, for the hearing to be conducted in oral fashion:

1) Additional evidence, which is not included in the applications, is needed for the Board to reach a conclusion with respect to Section 92 of the Ontario Energy Board Act.

The application request approval to construct the following transmission and interconnection facilities:

a collection substation located on Part Lot 7, Concession 3 in the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe, Middlesex County, to be owned by Kerwood Wind Inc., at which power from the 34.5 kV collection system associated with the Adelaide Wind Energy Centre will be transformed from 34.5 kV to 115 kV by means of one 115/34.5 kV, 51/68/85 MVA transformer (the "Adelaide Collection Substation")

2) The applicant proposes to locate the Adelaide Collection Substation on private lands. Additional evidence, which is not included in the application, is needed for the Board to reach a conclusion.

a) Reasons

- property ownership of private land (unknown)
- consent application not received by the Municipality indicating the size/footprint required for the substation
- possibility of sharing the proposed substation with the Suncor Project to avoid duplication of another substation in the same proximity.

Overall, it is the Municipality's view that an oral hearing would allow for objective consideration to be given to the major credibility issues of the hearing by all parties at one time and in one location, without significant amounts of written correspondence which in this case, would likely delay the Hearing and make the transparency of the Hearing less evident for some parties, observers or commenters.

Yours truly,

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