

EB-2013-0096

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND WRITTEN HEARING

APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO CONSTRUCT TRANSMISSION FACILITIES FOR GOSHEN WIND, INC.

Goshen Wind, Inc. (the "Applicant" or "Goshen") has filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board, (the "Board") dated April 3, 2013 under sections 92, 96(2) and 97 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c.15, Schedule B. The Applicant has applied for an order of the Board granting leave to construct an electricity transmission line and related facilities ("Transmission Facilities") to connect the Goshen Wind Energy Centre ("GWEC"), to the IESO-controlled grid, and for an order approving the forms of easement agreements that have been or will be offered to affected landowners.

The Board has assigned file number EB-2013-0096 to this application.

The GWEC is a proposed 102 MW wind energy generation facility, located in Huron County, which was awarded a 20-year power purchase agreement under the Ontario Power Authority's ("OPA") Feed in Tariff program (the "FIT Program"). The generation facility itself (i.e. the wind farm) is not part of the leave to construct application and is not within the scope of this proceeding.

The Transmission Facilities which are the subject of this application include: :

- a Substation from a pull-off tower ("Goshen Collector Substation").
- an independent GWEC owned breaker ("Goshen Breaker Station") connecting to a 115 kV L7S Circuit owned by Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One").
- a 115 kV transmission line ("Transmission Line") approximately 25 km in length, extending from the Goshen Collector Substation to the Goshen Breaker Station.

Construction of the GWEC and the Transmission Facility is planned to start in October 2013 with an in-service date by the end of the third quarter of 2014.

A map showing the location of the proposed facilities is included with this Notice.

Board Jurisdiction

For a leave to construct application under section 92 of the Act, section 96(2) of the Act states that the Board shall consider the public interest and shall only consider the following two issues when deciding whether a proposed project is in the public interest (1) The interests of consumers with respect to prices and the reliability and quality of electricity service, and (2) Where applicable and in a manner consistent with the policies of the Government of Ontario, the promotion of the use of renewable energy sources.

The Board therefore has no power to review environmental issues. Environmental issues related to this project are considered through the Renewable Energy Approval ("REA") process which is not a part of this Board proceeding. Parties should contact the Applicant directly for information on the REA process.

How to see Goshen's Application

To see a copy of the application, go to the Consumer page of the Board's website and enter the case number **EB-2013-0096** in the "Find an Application" box. Copies of the application and the pre-filed evidence in support of the application will also be available for public inspection at the addresses listed below and at http://www.nexteraenergycanada.com/projects/goshen.shtml

Written Hearing

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 instead, holding an oral hearing. If you object to the Board holding a written hearing in this matter, you must provide written reasons why an oral hearing is preferable. Any submissions objecting to a written hearing must be received by the Board and copied to the Applicant within **10 days** of the publication or date of service on you of this notice.

How to Participate

Comment

If you wish to give your opinion on the proceeding to the Board Members hearing the application, you are invited to send a letter of comment to the Board no later than 30 days after the publication or date of service on you of this notice. A complete copy of your letter of comment, including your name, contact information, and the content of the letter, will be provided to the Applicant and the Board Members hearing the application.

Observe

If you do not wish to actively participate in the proceeding but you do wish to receive documents issued by the Board, you may request observer status. Your written request must be received by the Board no later than **10 days** from the publication or date of service on you of this notice.

Personal Information in Letters of Comment and Observer Requests

All letters of comment and letters requesting observer status will be placed on the public record, which means that the letters can be seen at the Board's offices and will be available on the Board's website. Before placing the letters on the public record, the Board will remove any personal (i.e. not business) contact information from the letters (i.e. the address, fax number, phone number, and e-mail address of the individual). However, the name of the individual and the content of the letter will become part of the public record. Please address your letter to the Board Secretary at the address below, and reference file number **EB-2013-0096** at the top of your letter.

Intervene

If you wish to actively participate in the proceeding (e.g., submit questions, file argument), you may request intervenor status from the Board no later than **10 days** after the publication or date of service on you of this notice. Instructions for requesting intervenor status are available on the Board's website at www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/participate. Everything an intervenor files with the Board, including the intervenor's name and contact information, will be placed on the public

record, which can be seen at the Board's offices and will be available on the Board's website.

If you do not have internet access, please call 1-877-632-2727 to receive information about this proceeding and how to participate.

How to Contact Us

In responding to this notice, please reference Board file number **EB-2013-0096** in the subject line of your e-mail or at the top of your letter. It is also important that you provide your name, postal address and telephone number and, if available, an e-mail address and fax number. All communications should be directed to the attention of the Board Secretary at the address below, and be received no later than 4:45 p.m. on the required date.

IMPORTANT

IF YOU DO NOT FILE A WRITTEN SUBMISSION OBJECTING TO A WRITTEN HEARING OR DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, THE BOARD MAY PROCEED WITHOUT YOUR PARTICIPATION AND YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO FURTHER NOTICE IN THIS PROCEEDING.

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DATED at Toronto April 19, 2013

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary

APPENDIX A

TO

GOSHEN WIND INC.

FOR LEAVE TO CONSTRUCT TRANSMISSION FACILITIES BOARD FILE NUMBER EB-2013-0096

APRIL 19, 2013

MAP OF PROPOSED TRANSMISSION LINE AND FACILITIES

