



EB-2013-0185

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND WRITTEN HEARING

### GRAND BEND WIND LIMITED PARTNERSHIP APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO CONSTRUCT TRANSMISSION FACILITIES TO CONNECT A WINDFARM GENERATION PROJECT TO THE ONTARIO TRANSMISSION SYSTEM

Grand Bend Wind Limited Partnership (the “Applicant”) has filed an application with the Board, dated April 19, 2013, under sections 92 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*. The Applicant is a limited partnership constituted under the laws of the Province of Ontario. The Applicant general partner is Grand Bend Wind GP Inc. (the “Applicant General Partner”) which is currently owned by Northland Power Inc.

The Applicant is constructing a 100 MW wind-powered electricity generation facility in the vicinity north of the Town of Grand Bend (the Generation Project”) which is subject to an Ontario Power Authority Feed-in Tariff contract.

In order to connect the Generation Project to the Ontario transmission system, the Applicant is planning to construct the following facilities which are the subject of this Application:

- a substation which will step up the voltage of the Generation Project collector system from 34.5 kV to 230 kV;
- a 230 kV single-circuit underground transmission line, approximately 30 km in length, to connect the Generation Project to the existing Hydro One transmission system circuit B23D located approximately 3 km South East of Hydro One’s Seaforth TS;
- a switching station at the point of connection with the Hydro One transmission system near Seaforth TS.

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

The transmission line is entirely contained within municipal road rights-of-way to minimize its impact on private property, with the exception that some private property will be crossed at each end of the transmission line. The Applicant has acquired easements through the affected parcels of private land.

The Transmission Facilities will be owned by the Applicant and be paid for by the Applicant or its affiliates/partners.

The Board has assigned file number EB-2013-0185 to this application.

### **Board Jurisdiction**

For a leave to construct application that is filed under section 92 of the Act, section 96 of the Act states that the Board shall consider the public interest and shall only consider the following two issues when deciding if the 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.

Environmental issues with respect to this project are considered through a separate process which is not a part of this Board proceeding.

### **How to see the Application**

To see a copy of the application, go to the Consumer page of the Board's website and enter the case number EB-2013-0047 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 [www.Grandbend.Northlandpower.ca](http://www.Grandbend.Northlandpower.ca).

### **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 not holding a written hearing. If you object to the Board holding a written hearing in this matter, you must provide written reasons why an oral hearing is necessary. 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-2013-0185 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](http://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 1-888-632-2727 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-2013-0185 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 May 10, 2013  
**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original Signed By*

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