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**VIA RESS and Courier** 

Ms. Kirsten Walli Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street P.O. Box 2319 Suite 2700 Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: Niagara Region Wind Corporation Leave to Construct Application

**Board File No. EB-2013-0203** 

**Revised Application (without pre-filed evidence)** 

We are counsel to Niagara Region Wind Corporation (the "Applicant") in the above-noted proceeding. Please find enclosed a revised version of the Application, wherein the email address listed for the Applicant has been changed from <a href="mailto:darrenc@nrwc.ca">darrenc@nrwc.ca</a> to <a href="mailto:ltc@nrwc.ca">ltc@nrwc.ca</a>.

The email address has been changed as described above to ensure that all comments relating to the leave to construct application are correctly logged and responded to. The change in email address is the only change in the revised version of the Application enclosed. This revised version of the Application will be the version served pursuant to the Board's letter of direction dated July 5, 2013.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions in relation to the foregoing.

Sincerely,

Signed in the Original

George Vegh Enclosure

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## **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

**IN THE MATTER OF** the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998*, c. 15, Sch. B, as amended (the "**OEB Act**");

**AND IN THE MATTER** of an application by Niagara Region Wind Corporation for an order under section 92 and subsection 96(2) of the OEB Act granting leave to construct an electricity transmission line and related facilities.

## APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO CONSTRUCT

- 1. Niagara Region Wind Corporation (the "**Applicant**") is a special purpose vehicle established for the development, construction and operation of the Niagara Region Wind Project ("**NRWP**"). The Applicant is a corporation constituted under the laws of the Province of Ontario.
- 2. As the owner and operator of the NRWP, the Applicant is a generator pursuant to section 56 of the OEB Act.
- 3. The Applicant is seeking the approval of the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") to construct and operate a transmission interconnection facility (the "Facility", further described below) to connect the NRWP to the Independent Electricity System Operator ("IESO")-controlled grid. The NRWP is a proposed 230 MW wind energy generation facility, which was awarded a 20-year power purchase agreement under the Ontario Power Authority's ("OPA") Feed-in Tariff program (the "FIT Program") in February 2011.
- 4. The NRWP and the Facility are being developed to further the provincial government's policy objective of increasing the amount of renewable energy generation being added to the provincial grid.
- 5. Both the NRWP and the Facility will be located in Niagara Region and Haldimand County. The potentially affected municipalities are the townships of West Lincoln, Lincoln, Wainfleet, Niagara Region and Haldimand County (the "Municipalities"). The location of the NRWP was determined by a strong wind resource and interest expressed by local landowners. Construction of the Facility will be commensurate with construction of the NRWP. The Applicant intends to break ground on both the NRWP and the Facility in late 2013, with an expected in-service date of Q4 2014 and no later than Q3 2015.

- 6. The NRWP and the Facility are subject to the environmental screening process prescribed by *Ontario Regulation 359/09, Renewable Energy Approvals under Part V.0.1 of the Act* made pursuant to *Environmental Protection Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.19 (the "REA Regulation"). Accordingly, the Applicant is conducting extensive consultation with interested stakeholders and submitted its Renewable Energy Approval ("REA") Application to the Ministry of the Environment ("MOE") on April 22, 2013. The Applicant expects to receive a decision from the MOE regarding its REA in Q4 2013. In addition to the environmental screening process, the Applicant has received preliminary interconnection reports issued by the Independent Electricity System Operator (the "IESO") and Hydro One Networks Inc. ("HONI"). The Applicant is confident that the Facility, as proposed, will be acceptable from a technical standpoint.
- 7. Accordingly, the Applicant hereby applies to the Board for:
  - (i) an order granting leave to construct the Facility pursuant to Section 92 of the OEB Act; and
  - (ii) approval, pursuant to Section 97 of the OEB Act, of the form of land use agreement that has been offered to landowners (the "Exclusive Option for Substation") and the form of land use agreement (the "Land Use Agreement (Transmission)") that will be offered to landowners if necessary, attached hereto at Exhibit F, Tab 1, Schedules 2-3.
- 8. The following Schedules consist of the Applicant's pre-filed evidence:

Exhibit B, Tab 2, Schedule 2	Project Location
Exhibit B, Tab 2, Schedule 3	Single Line Diagram
Exhibit C, Tab 1, Schedule 2	Gantt Chart
Exhibit D, Tab 1, Schedule 2	Overhead and Underground Transmission Line Plan and Profile Drawings
Exhibit D, Tab 1, Schedule 3	Pole Configuration Drawing
Exhibit D, Tab 1, Schedule 4	Underground Cable Configuration Drawing
Exhibit E, Tab 1, Schedule 2	Layout and Elevation Drawings
Exhibit F, Tab 1, Schedule 2	Exclusive Option for Substation
Exhibit F, Tab 1, Schedule 3	Land Use Agreement (Transmission)
Exhibit F, Tab 1, Schedule 4	Adjacent Properties and Directly Affected Properties

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Exhibit F, Tab 1, Schedule 5 Route Selection and Evaluation Report

Exhibit G, Tab 1, Schedule 2 Summary of Consultation

Exhibit G, Tab 1, Schedule 3 Excerpts of Public Meeting Materials

Exhibit H, Tab 1, Schedule 2 IESO System Impact Assessment

Exhibit H, Tab 1, Schedule 3 HONI Customer Impact Assessment Draft

Exhibit H, Tab 1, Schedule 4 Request for Amendment to IESO

9. The individuals below are the authorized representatives of the Applicant for the purpose of serving documents throughout this proceeding:

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Dated May 7, 2013 at Toronto, Ontario.

Niagara Region Wind Corporation by its counsel McCarthy Tétrault LLP

Per: Signed in the Original

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