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Via RESS and Courier

Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street
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Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: Niagara Region Wind Corporation Leave to Construct Application
Board File No. EB-2013-0203
Completed Notice of Application**

We are counsel to Niagara Region Wind Corporation in the above-noted proceeding. Pursuant to section 3 of the Letter of Direction issued by the Ontario Energy Board on July 5, 2013, please find enclosed a completed version of the Notice of Application.

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

Sincerely,

Signed in the Original

George Vegh
Enclosure

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE

**Niagara Region Wind Corporation has applied to the Ontario Energy Board to build a high-voltage transmission line.
Learn More.**

Niagara Region Wind Corporation (Niagara) is asking the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) for permission to construct approximately 44 kilometres of 115 kilovolt (kV) electricity transmission line and associated facilities. The line would connect the company's Niagara Region Wind Farm to the provincial power grid.

Niagara is also asking the OEB to approve the form of agreement it offers to landowners to use their land for routing or construction of the proposed line.

A map of the proposed route for the transmission line is printed below.

Niagara's application to the OEB hearing concerns construction of the proposed transmission line only. It does not concern the construction or operation of the Niagara Region Wind Farm itself.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD IS HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING

The OEB will hold a public hearing to consider Niagara's requests. During this hearing, the OEB will consider evidence and arguments by Niagara and by individuals, municipalities and others whose interests would be affected.

The OEB hearing will consider specific issues required by law.

The *Ontario Energy Board Act* specifies the issues the OEB is to consider in making its decision. If you wish to participate in the OEB hearing, it is important for you to understand what these issues are.

As required by the *Ontario Energy Board Act* the OEB will consider three issues:

- The interests of consumers with respect to prices and the reliability and quality of electricity service;
- In a manner consistent with the policies of the Government of Ontario, the promotion of the use of renewable energy sources; and
- The form of agreement that Niagara offers to landowners affected by the route or location of the transmission line.

The OEB hearing is not the only approval that Niagara requires. For example, the Ontario Ministry of the Environment will review environmental issues using its Renewable Energy Approvals process.

BE INFORMED

You have the right to information regarding Niagara's application. You can:

- Read Niagara's application on the OEB's website (See below under "Learn More").
- Sign up to be an observer, who will automatically receive documents for the hearing.

HAVE YOUR SAY

If you would be affected by the proposed transmission line, you may want to take a more active role in the hearing. You can:

- Send the OEB a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing; or
- Ask the OEB for permission to be an active participant in the hearing (an intervenor).
Intervenors can provide evidence, argue their positions and submit relevant questions to be answered by Niagara (interrogatories). To be an intervenor, a party must be affected by the transmission line in a way that relates directly to the issues the OEB will consider. If you wish to be an intervenor, the OEB must receive your request by August 27, 2013.

LEARN MORE

To read the documents concerning this hearing please go to the OEB website www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/, click on "Consumers" and enter file number **EB-2013-0203** in the "Find an Application" box. You can also phone Nabih Mikhail at 1-866-632-6273 extension 103 or Stephen Vetsis at 1-866-632-6273 extension 182 with any questions.

Oral and Written Hearings

There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. The Board intends to use a written hearing for this case unless there is a good reason why an oral hearing is necessary. If you believe an oral hearing is necessary, you must provide written reasons to the OEB by August 27, 2013.

Privacy

If you write a letter with your comments, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the OEB's public record and the OEB website. However, your personal telephone number, address and email address will be removed. If you are a business, all your information will be public. If you apply to become an intervenor, all your information will be public.

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. Our goal is to promote a financially viable and efficient energy sector that provides you with reliable energy services at a reasonable cost.

This application was filed under sections 92, 96(2) and 97 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998 S.O. 1998, c.15, Schedule B.



