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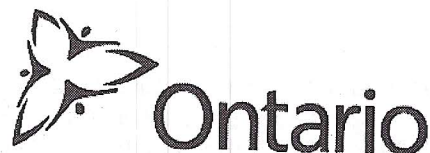
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January 29, 2013

Ms. _____

Dear Ms. _____

Thank you for your December 13, 2012 and January 13, 2013 e-mails regarding the proposed Jericho Wind Energy Centre.

With respect to your question regarding the studies undertaken for the Parkhill Interconnect Project, I would like to clarify that a Parkhill Interconnect substation is proposed as part of the Jericho Wind Energy Centre, subject to Ontario's Renewable Energy Approval Regulation, O.Reg. 359/09, and is not a separate project. The Parkhill Interconnect substation is planned to carry electricity generated from the Adelaide, Bornish and Jericho Wind Energy Centres to a Hydro One-owned Switchyard and on to an existing Hydro One transmission line. Given the fact that the Renewable Energy Approval (REA) process requires that all aspects of a project including transmission lines, switchyards and substations be assessed, the proponent must include the Parkhill Interconnect substation in its studies as part of the requirements for a Renewable Energy Approval for the Jericho Wind Energy Centre.

With respect to your questions regarding public consultation and a Community Liaison Committee (CLC), I would advise that upon receipt and review of a REA application, the ministry will determine what additional information or requirements will be asked of the proponent. After conducting a detailed technical review of the proposal for the Summerhaven Wind Energy Centre and considering all comments received from the public, the ministry made a decision to approve the Summerhaven Wind Energy Centre. One of the conditions imposed as part of the approval was to establish a Community Liaison Committee as a forum to exchange ideas and share concerns with interested residents and members of the public. At this time, it would be premature for the ministry to require the proponent to organize a Community Liaison Committee as an application has not been received by the ministry for the proposed Jericho Wind Energy Centre. The ministry is aware that a final meeting will be held for the proposed Jericho Wind Energy Centre on February 6, 7 and 8, 2013. At this point in the REA process, I encourage you to raise any outstanding concerns regarding the proposed project directly with Jericho Wind Inc. so that the proponent can take your comments and concerns into consideration during the planning of the project.

I also understand from your e-mail that you find the availability of content on the proponent's website to be inadequate. While the ministry encourages proponents to post documents on their website, the management of the website is the proponent's responsibility.

Once an application is submitted, ministry staff will undertake an initial review of the application. If the application meets the information requirements set out in the REA regulation (O.Reg.359/09), the ministry will conduct a technical review and the application will be posted on the Environmental Registry (www.ebr.gov.on.ca) for a minimum 30 day public review period. This is an additional opportunity for you to submit comments on the proposal directly to the ministry. The ministry will consider all comments submitted in making a decision.

Once a decision has been made to approve or to refuse the project, the MOE will post a decision notice on the Environmental Registry in order to notify the public about the decision. A third-party may require a hearing in respect of the decision to the Environmental Review Tribunal (ERT). In order to initiate the hearing process, the request must be made within 15 days of the decision posting on the Environmental Registry.

Further information on the REA can be found at the following REA website:
http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/environment/en/subject/renewable_energy/index.htm

Should you have any questions regarding the REA process or this project, please contact Narren Santos, Senior Program Support Coordinator at 416-314-8442 or by e-mail at moe.serviceintegration@ontario.ca.

Thank you again for bringing your concerns to my attention.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Doris Dumais', written over a horizontal line.

Doris Dumais
Director
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