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Ms. Marcelle Brooks



## Dear Ms. Brooks:

The Minister of the Environment received a letter dated August 26, 2013 written on your behalf by MPP Lisa Thompson and MPP Monte McNaughton regarding your concerns and questions about the Renewable Energy Approval (REA) process. I am pleased to respond on behalf of Minister Bradely.

I understand from the letter that you have some questions regarding the consideration of the Parkhill Interconnect as part of the REA application for the Bornish, Adelaide, and Jericho Wind Energy Centres.

The Parkhill Interconnect is a shared component of each of the three projects and is co-owned and shared by Bornsh Wind LP, Kerwood Wind, Inc., and Jericho Wind Inc. As a result, the MOE required information on the Parkhill Interconnect in each of the REA applications for the Bornish, Adelaide and Jericho Wind Energy Centres. For your reference, I have enclosed a map detailing the locations of the Interconnect station to each project.

In the letter you also inquired about Bornsh Wind LP, Kerwood Wind, Inc., and Jericho Wind Inc's Leave To Construct applications. I would suggest that you contact the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) for more information regarding the Leave to Construction application requirements. It is the ministry's understanding that a proponent can apply to the OEB for a Leave to Construct prior to obtaining a REA. However, in accordance with the ministry's REA regulation, a proponent cannot commence implementation and/or construction of the project until the REA is issued.

Should you have any questions regarding the REA process or these projects, please contact Kristina Rudzki, Senior Project Evaluator at 416-314-6802 or by e-mail at kristina.rudzki@ontario.ca.

Thank you again for bringing your concerns to the ministry's attention.

Yours sincerely,

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