# wpd White Pines Wind Incorporated has applied to the Ontario Energy Board to build a high-voltage transmission line.

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wpd White Pines Wind Incorporated is asking the Ontario Energy Board ("OEB") for permission to construct approximately 28 km of 69 kV underground electricity transmission line and associated facilities. The line would connect the company's White Pines wind renewable energy development project in Prince Edward County to the provincial power grid.

wpd White Pines Wind Incorporated has also filed with the OEB forms of agreements it offers to landowners to use their land for routing or construction of the proposed line and associated facilities.

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

wpd White Pines Wind Incorporated's application to the OEB concerns construction of the proposed transmission line only. It does not concern the construction or operation of the White Pines renewable wind energy development project itself.

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. It will hold a public hearing to consider wpd White Pines Wind Incorporated's request. During this hearing, the OEB will consider evidence and arguments by wpd White Pines Wind Incorporated 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 wpd White Pines Wind Incorporated offers to landowners affected by the route or location of the transmission line.

## The OEB hearing is not the only approval process required before a line is built.

For example, most transmission lines are subject to the Ministry of the Environment's Renewable Energy Approval process. The Board's review will only address the three factors outlined above and will not address other factors, such as environmental, health, aesthetics or property value impacts.

## **BE INFORMED**

You have the right to information regarding wpd White Pines Wind Incorporated's application. You can:

- Read wpd White Pines Wind Incorporated'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 wpd White Pines Wind Incorporated (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 **[insert actual date 10 calendar days from publication].**

# LEARN MORE

To read the documents concerning this hearing please go to the OEB website <u>www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/</u>, click on "Consumers" and enter file number **EB-2013-0339** in the "Find an Application" box. You can also phone Robert Caputo at <u>1-888-632-6273</u> extension 632 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 **[insert actual date 10 calendar days from publication].** 

## 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.

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

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