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**Importance:** High

Mr. Caputo,

It is noted within the Acknowledgement letter posted on the OEB web site for this Application that you have been designated as the Project Advisor for this file. Therefore I am addressing this email message to you. If there is another contract to whom this should be directed, I would appreciate it if you could forward this message to that party.

I am a resident, property owner and taxpayer in the Municipality of the County of Prince Edward in the Province of Ontario and therefore a stakeholder with an interest and voice in the matter of the wpd White Pines Wind Incorporated Application for Leave to Construct Transmission Facilities.

In regard to the subject Application, I would like to bring to the attention of the OEB the status of the applicant's REA application status and approvals. As currently posted on the Ontario Ministry of the Environment's Renewable Energy web page, the proponent's "REA Application Status" is currently listed as "Received and screening for completeness". The proponent's REA application currently being considered by the Ministry of the Environment, and which is noted as "Received and screening for completeness", includes a "Project Modification – Interconnection Line" project component and this project component is the subject of the Application for Leave to Construct Transmission Facilities EB-2013-0339. Based upon the public information posted to the Ministry's web site it is obvious that the transmission line which is the subject of the current Application for Leave to Construct has not received Ministry approval or environmental clearance.

Furthermore, I would like to advise the OEB that I have raised several concerns with the proponent's Project Modification – Interconnection Line project. As of this date these concerns remain unresolved. While it may be possible for the proponent to mitigate or otherwise resolve those concerns which I have raised, there remains a real possibility that aspects of the proponent's Interconnection Line / Transmission Facilities may require modification in the resolution of these concerns. In the alternative, I note that the Ministry of the Environment, in fulfilment of their obligation to review and evaluate the completeness and environmental compliance of this REA Interconnection Line / Transmission Facilities REA, may require substantial amendment or modification of the proponent's application.

In consideration of the above I would respectfully submit that the proponent's current Application for Leave to Construct Transmission Facilities is pre-mature and any consideration of this Application for Leave to Construct should only occur following receipt of environmental clearance by the Ministry of the Environment.

Furthermore, I would like to submit written comments for consideration of the OEB during the hearing on this matter, however at this time, and in consideration of the above noted matters, I believe any submission of comments would be premature. I would respectfully request confirmation as to whether I will be permitted to submit comments at a later date on this matter following resolution of the issues raised with the current REA application and/or following issuance of any REA approval.

In the event that this matter proceeds to a hearing before the OEB prior to the project receiving environmental clearance and REA approval by the Ministry of the Environment, please consider this email message to be a formal submission of comments to be considered by the OEB on this matter.

Please note that I have copied Ms. Doris Dumas, Director, Environmental Approvals Access and Service Integration Branch, with this email message so as to apprise the Ministry of the status of this Application for Leave to Construct.

Thank you for your consideration,

Ray Ford

