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Via Ress and Courier

Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
2300 Yonge Street
P.O. Box 2319
Suite 2700
Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

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

We are counsel for Niagara Region Wind Corporation in relation to the above captioned matter. We are writing to express our serious concern respecting the time that it is taking to process this application and to offer to provide any assistance in order to make it proceed in a more timely manner. It has been almost six months since the Application has been filed and the Board has not yet issued a procedural order.

The timeline has been as follows:

- May 7, 2013: the Applicant filed the Application and Pre-Filed Evidence in hard copy and on CD to serve as electronic filing.
- July 5, 2013: The Board issued its Letter of Direction;
- July 2013: the Applicant prepared to follow the Board's Letter of Direction and serve the Notice, including communication with Board Staff to ensure the Board's expectations were met for all notice requirements;
- August 2013: the Applicant served the Notice of Application and published in newspapers before it was discovered that the phone number in the Notice of Application provided by the Board was incorrect;
- Week of August 19th: the Board re-served and re-published the Notice; and
- September 12, the Applicant filed its Affidavit of Service.

We have not received any communications on the status of the Application. The Board's performance standard for processing a leave to construct application with a written hearing is 130 days. It has been over 170 days since the Application was filed and a procedural order has not even been issued yet.

We have not been provided with any reasons for the lack of progress on this matter and, despite our offers of help, we have not been given any advice on how we can assist to move this file forward.

We are therefore requesting advice on the timing for the remaining steps in this proceeding and reiterating our offer to provide any assistance possible to have it proceed.

Sincerely,

signed in the original

George Vegh