



EB-2012-0442

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Schedule B);

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Varna Wind Inc. for an order or orders pursuant to section 92 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998 granting leave to construct transmission facilities in the Municipalities of Bluewater and Huron East.

BEFORE: Marika Hare
Presiding Member

Ellen Fry
Member

DECISION AND ORDER ON COST AWARDS

December 20, 2013

Background

Varna Wind, Inc. filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") on November 23, 2012 under sections 92 and 96(2) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998 seeking an order of the Board for leave to construct approximately 23 km of a 115 kV transmission line and associated facilities (including a breaker and substation).

On February 4, 2013, the Board issued Procedural Order No. 1, granting J.R. McLachlan, Brian and Helen Oldfield, Gerhard and Heather Ritzema, Jeff Allan, and a group of landowners intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

On November 4, 2013, the Board issued its Decision and Order, in which it set out the process for intervenors to file their cost claims, for Varna Wind, Inc. to object to the claims and for intervenors to respond to any objections raised by Varna Wind, Inc.

The Board received a cost claim from Gerhard and Heather Ritzema (the "Ritzemas"). No objections were received from Varna Wind, Inc. No other cost claims were received.

Board Findings

The Board has reviewed the cost claim of the Ritzemas and finds that the claim requires a minor reduction due to the lack of receipts for certain claimed disbursements in accordance with the Ontario Government's *Travel, Meal and Hospitality Expenses Directive*. The Board finds that the adjusted claim is reasonable and shall be reimbursed by Varna Wind, Inc.

THE BOARD THEREFORE ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario *Energy Board Act, 1998*, Varna Wind, Inc. shall immediately pay Gerhard and Heather Ritzema \$9,612.91.
2. Pursuant to section 30 of the Ontario *Energy Board Act, 1998*, Varna Wind, Inc. shall pay the Board's costs of and incidental to this proceeding immediately upon receipt of the Board's invoice.

DATED at Toronto, December 20, 2013.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary