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**RESS AND COURIER** 

Ms. Kirsten Walli Board Secretary P.O. Box 2319 2300 Yonge Street 27<sup>th</sup> Floor Toronto, ON M4P 1E4

Dear Board Secretary:

RE:

Rainy River Resources Ltd.

**Application for Leave to Construct 230kV Transmission Line** 

Rainy River Powerline Project

We are counsel to Rainy River Resources Ltd.

Pursuant to Item 3 of the Board's Letter of Direction dated February 7, 2014, we attach a pdf version of the completed Notice and map which will be published in two English language newspapers having the highest circulation in each of the Township of Chapple and the Territorial District of Rainy River. The date of publication is February 19, 2014.

Yours truly,

AIRD & BERLIS LLP

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# **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE**

# Rainy River Resources Ltd. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board to build a high-voltage transmission line.

#### **Learn More**

Rainy River Resources Ltd. is asking the Ontario Energy Board ("OEB") for permission to construct approximately 17 km of 230 kV electricity transmission line and associated facilities. The line would connect the company's Rainy River Mine in the Township of Chapple in the Territorial District of Rainy River in northwestern Ontario to the provincial power grid.

Rainy River Resources Ltd. has also filed with the OEB a form of agreement 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.

Rainy River Resources Ltd.'s application to the OEB concerns construction of the proposed transmission line and associated facilities only. It does not concern the construction or operation of the Rainy River Mine project itself.

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. It will hold a public hearing to consider Rainy River Resources Ltd.'s request. During this hearing, the OEB will consider evidence and arguments by Rainy River Resources Ltd. 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 Rainy River Resources Ltd. 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 Environmental Assessment 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 Rainy River Resources Ltd.'s application. You can:

- Read Rainy River Resources Ltd.'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 Rainy River Resources Ltd. (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 March 1, 2014.

## **LEARN MORE**

To read the documents concerning this hearing please go to the OEB website <a href="www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/">www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/</a>, click on "Consumers" and enter file number EB-2014-0014 in the "Find an Application" box. You can also phone Robert Caputo at <a href="1-888-632-6273">1-888-632-6273</a> 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 March 1, 2014.

#### **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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