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Subject: wpd White Pine Winds Inc. Leave to Construct File No. EB-2013-0339

Ontario Energy Board,

The following letter has been mailed to the parties as noted. Please ensure that this letter and comments are added to the record for the consideration of the Board in any hearing on the subject application. Thank you.

Ray Ford

Honourable Premier Kathleen Wynne
Room 281,
Main Legislative Building,
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April 7, 2014

RE: wpd White Pines Wind Incorporated
Leave to Construct Application EB-2013-0339

Dear Premier Wynne,

I am resident, property owner and tax payer 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 wpd White Pine Winds Incorporated's Leave to Construct application EB-2013-0339 currently before the Ontario Energy Board.

I am writing you Premier Wynne in the hope that your office could intervene in a matter which is of great concern to me regarding the validity of application EB-2013-0339 and the conduct of the Ontario Energy Board. While I have contacted the Minister of Energy so as to seek the intervention of The Honourable Minister Chiarelli's office, it has been several months and the Minister's office has not taken any action in response to my concerns. As the Ministry of Energy stands idle in the consideration of my concerns regarding the subject application, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) continues to allow the subject application to proceed toward a hearing with all parties incurring costs.

My concern regarding OEB File No. EB-2013-0339 arises from the fact that the Ontario Energy Board is allowing this file to proceed toward a hearing despite the fact that the applicant in this file is neither a generator of distributor of electricity; and the fact that the applicant has not received environmental clearance by way of Renewable Energy

Approval (REA) for the project. It has been and remains my contention that without a REA the applicant cannot be a generator or distributor of electricity and should not be entitled to seek the privileges afforded to electricity distributors by the Ontario Energy Board Act. I believe the fact that the applicant has not received REA approval for this project speaks for itself.

Furthermore, upon close examination of the applicant's most recent correspondence with the OEB regarding this application (Interrogatory Response dated April 2, 2014, <http://www.rds.ontarioenergyboard.ca/webdrawer/webdrawer.dll/webdrawer/rec/432185/view/>) it is apparent that the applicant's interest at this time in pursuing a Leave to Construct application under the OEB Act for their proposed transmission line is to essentially circumvent the need for consultation and to bypass the need to obtain environmental approvals as prescribed by the REA process. This conclusion is supported by the fact that the subject correspondence acknowledges only a single point of contact with the host municipality (incorrectly identified as the "township of Prince Edward County") and acknowledges over twenty (20) issues regarding the proposed transmission line which have yet to be addressed by the REA. Clearly, this demonstrates the intent of the applicant which is to obtain approval from the province for their transmission line by utilizing the provisions in the Ontario Energy Board Act so as to avoid having to undertake appropriate consultations and to avoid the need to obtain necessary environmental approvals.

However, my greater concern in this matter is with the action of OEB wherein the OEB is permitting this application to proceed toward a hearing despite the concerns cited above. As a resident, property owner and tax payer in this province I find it quite difficult to believe that the OEB, who are the provincial board responsible for administering the OEB Act, should take such a cavalier approach in the processing of this application by affording no consideration to fundamental matters such as whether the applicant qualifies to seek the privileges of the OEB Act and/or whether the applicant has lawfully secured all necessary environmental approvals for the project. I have expressed my concerns with the OEB to the Honourable Minister Chiarelli's office on several occasions; however the Minister has not provided a response. Therefore, I am writing you Premier Wynne in the hope that your office could intervene in this matter.

I look forward to a response from your office. I sincerely thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

Ray Ford



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