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Mr. Ray Ford

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**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

Dear Mr. Ford:

Thank you for your January 10, 2014 letter to Premier Kathleen Wynne regarding wpd Canada Inc.'s application to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) to construct a transmission line for the White Pines White Pines Wind Farm in Prince Edward County. I am pleased to respond on behalf of the Honourable Jim Bradley, Minister of the Environment.

In your letter you express concern that the OEB is allowing the application to proceed to a hearing despite the fact that wpd Canada Inc. has not received Renewable Energy Approval (REA) for the White Pines Wind Farm.

I can confirm that the White Pines Wind Farm project has not received REA. An Instrument Proposal for the White Pines Wind Farm project was posted on the Environmental Bill of Rights (EBR) Registry ([www.ebr.gov.on.ca](http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca)) for public comment period until May 10, 2014 (EBR #012-1279). All comments received through the Registry are being considered by the MOE prior to making a decision about project approval.

With respect to your concern about public consultation on the White Pines Wind Farm project, in our March 4, 2014 correspondence to you, it was noted that reports were added to the REA application regarding the transmission lines ("Interconnection Line") when it became apparent that the transmission line would be included in the project and a public meeting was held for the Interconnection Line on April 29, 2013. All REA application reports, including the reports regarding the transmission lines, will be considered during the technical review of the White Pines Wind Farm project application.

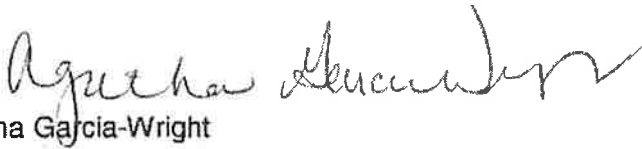
The OEB process for approving transmission lines is separate from the REA process. For more information regarding OEB's approval process or participation in board proceedings, I would suggest that you contact the OEB at tel. 1-888-632-6273 or by email at [BoardSec@ontarioenergyboard.ca](mailto:BoardSec@ontarioenergyboard.ca).

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The status of the ministry's review of the White Pines Wind Farm's REA application can also be monitored at the following website:  
[www.ene.gov.on.ca/environment/en/subject/renewable\\_energy/projects/index.htm](http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/environment/en/subject/renewable_energy/projects/index.htm).

Thank you for your interest in the approvals process.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Agatha Garcia-Wright', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Agatha Garcia-Wright  
Director  
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c. John Pickernell, Ontario Energy Board