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## **VIA RESS, EMAIL AND COURIER**

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

Kirsten Walli Attention:

**Board Secretary** 

Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: **Varna Wind Leave to Construct Board File No. EB-2012-0442** 

Update to pole placement – intersection of Centennial Road and Hensall Road

On behalf of Varna Wind, LP ("Varna Wind")<sup>1</sup>, we write to provide an update in relation to the placement of one pole of the transmission facility in respect of which the Board granted leave to construct on November 4, 2013.

Upon approval of leave to construct, Varna Wind initiated detailed engineering design for the transmission facility, including pole locations. Regarding the potential location of poles at the intersection of Hensall and Centennial Roads, where a 90 degree change in direction was required, initial design estimates put the easternmost pole near the intersection and would have required guide rails for traffic safety purposes.

As a result of consultations with the Municipality of Huron East and the owner of the private land adjacent to the proposed pole location (Pole 107), it was understood that a reduction in the amount of guide rails was preferable where possible while still maintaining compliance with road safety requirements. As such a design was found that reduced the need for guide rails at the intersection of Hensall and Centennial Roads and allowed the private landowner to continue to access his fields. Such a solution was possible only if Pole 107 was located further east of the intersection along Centennial Road, while remaining in the municipal right-of-way. Varna relocated Pole 107 to 53 meters east of the intersection. Please see attached map.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Varna Wind Inc.'s leave to construct approval was transferred to Varna Wind, LP by Ontario Energy Board Decision and Order dated May 30, 2014 (EB-2014-0172).



The placement of pole 107 does not constitute a material change to the transmission facilities nor does it constitute a change to the route of the line. The route of the line has not changed from that described in the leave to construct application, nor are any new properties adjacent to the right-of-way introduced. However, Varna Wind is nevertheless filing this letter to provide the Board with an update on this pole placement.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions in relation to the foregoing.

Sincerely,

Signed in the original

George Vegh

cc: All intervenors in EB-2012-0442

