



EB-2006-0214

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND HEARING

Suncor Energy Products Inc. and Acciona Wind Energy Canada Inc.

LEAVE TO CONSTRUCT TRANSMISSION FACILITIES TO CONNECT A WIND POWER PROJECT TO ONTARIO'S TRANSMISSION GRID

Suncor Energy Products Inc. and Acciona Wind Energy Canada Inc. (the "Applicants") have filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board") dated August 30, 2006, under section 92 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c.15, Schedule B. The Applicants have applied for an order of the Board for leave to construct various transmission facilities as follows:

- a new transformer substation to be located south-west of the Village of Ripley, Ontario that consists of one 34.5 kV/69 kV transformer, switching equipment and associated power and control apparatus (the "Ripley South TS");
- a new transformer substation to be located east of the Village of Tiverton, Ontario that consists of two 69 kV/240 kV transformers, switching equipment and associated power and control apparatus (the "Ripley North TS");
- a 27 km 69 kV transmission line from the Ripley South TS to the Ripley North TS (the "69 kV transmission line"); and
- two 230 kV transmission lines approximately 40m in length to connect the Ripley North TS to Hydro One Networks Inc.'s ("Hydro One") double circuit Bruce to Detweiler supply line.

The Board has assigned File No. EB-2006-0214 to this Application.

A map showing the location of the proposed facilities is attached to this Notice.

The Applicants were a successful proponent in the Ontario Ministry of Energy's *Request For Proposals For 1000 MW of Renewable Energy* dated June 24, 2005. As such, the Applicants have entered into a 20-year renewable energy supply contract with the Ontario Power Authority to supply electricity from a proposed 76 MW wind farm located southwest of the Village of Ripley, Ontario. The facilities that are noted above are required to connect this wind farm to Ontario's transmission grid.

The Applicants plan to locate approximately 9 km of the proposed 69 kV transmission line along Sideroad 25 within the Township of Huron Kinloss' existing road right-of-way from the Ripley South TS to the southern boundary of the Municipality of Kincardine. The Applicants plan to run the remaining 18 km of the 69 kV transmission line along Sideroad 10 within the Municipality of Kincardine's existing road right-of-way from the southern boundary of the Municipality of Kincardine to the Ripley North TS. The 69 kV transmission line will cross provincial Highway 9 approximately 12 km north-east of the Ripley South TS. The Applicants plan to locate the two proposed 230 kV transmission line connections on private land.

The Applicants propose to start construction in the fall of 2006 and the planned completion date for the transmission facilities is the summer of 2007.

How to see the Applicant's Pre-filed Evidence

Copies of the application and the pre-filed evidence in support of the application will be available for public inspection at the Board's offices, at the Applicants' project office and at the offices of the affected municipalities (addresses below).

How to Participate

You may participate in this proceeding in one of three ways.

You may send the Board a letter of comment. Your letter should include any request to make an oral presentation to the Board, and must be received by the Board no later than **30 days** from the publication date of this Notice.

You may request observer status in order to receive documents issued by the Board in the proceeding. Your request must be made by letter received by the Board no later than **10 days** from the publication date of this Notice.

You may request intervenor status if you wish to actively participate in the proceeding. Your request must be made by letter of intervention received no later than 10 days from the publication date of this Notice or, if you have been served this Notice personally, no later than **10 days** from the date of service. Your letter of intervention must include a description of how you are, or may be, affected by the proceeding; and if you represent a group, a description of the group and its membership. The Board may choose to hold either a written or an oral hearing. Your letter of intervention should indicate your preference for a written or oral hearing, and the reasons for that preference. The Board may order costs in this proceeding. You must indicate in your letter of intervention whether you expect to seek costs from the Applicants and the grounds for your eligibility for costs. You must provide a copy of your letter of intervention to the Applicants.

Need More Information?

Further information on how to participate may be obtained by visiting the Board's Web site at www.oeb.gov.on.ca or by calling our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727.

How to Contact Us

In responding to this Notice please reference Board file number EB-2006-0214. It is also important that you provide your name, postal address and telephone number and, if available, an e-mail address and fax number. All communications should be directed to the attention of the Board Secretary at the address below, and be received no later than **4:45 p.m. on the required date**.

For your convenience, the Board accepts letters of comment by either post or e-mail. Our e-mail address is Boardsec@oeb.gov.on.ca Please include the Board file number in the subject line of your e-mail.

Letters of intervention must be sent to the Board by regular mail to the address below. Please remember that you must send a copy of your request for intervention to the Applicants at the address listed below.

IMPORTANT

IF YOU DO NOT REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, THE BOARD MAY PROCEED IN YOUR ABSENCE AND YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY FURTHER NOTICE OF THESE PROCEEDINGS.

FURTHER, IF THE APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO CONSTRUCT IS GRANTED, THE APPLICANTS MAY SUBSEQUENTLY APPLY TO EXPROPRIATE LANDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FACILITIES IF NECESSARY.

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ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

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RIPLEY WIND POWER PROJECT

PROPOSED 69 kV TRANSMISSION LINE

