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Sent: June-18-14 6:35 AM
To: John Pickernell
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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,
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Toronto, Ontario M7A 1A1

June 18, 2014

RE: Leave to Construct Application EB-2013-0339

Dear Premier Wynne,

Thank you for your letter of April 25, 2014 wherein you took the time to respond to my letter of April 7, 2014 by referring my concerns to the Honourable Jim Bradley, Minister of the Environment. I can advise that the Ministry of the Environment has responded directly to me for which I am very appreciative.

While I do appreciate the attention your office has provided to my April 7, 2014 letter, I must advise that my main concern is not necessarily with the renewable energy project itself; but rather is with the actions of the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) and the Ministry of Energy with respect to the above noted application for Leave to Construct. To reiterate; my concern is that the subject Leave to Construct Application EB-2013-0339 is proceeding ahead of any Renewable Energy Approval being issued for the project and furthermore, the OEB and the Ministry of Energy appear to be allowing this Leave to Construct application to move forward despite this renewable energy project not being approved by the Honourable Minister of the Environment.

Allowing Leave to Construct Application EB-2013-0339 to proceed directly impacts the municipality where I reside, and to which I pay a substantial amount of property taxes, in that the municipality is incurring tens of thousands of dollars of costs in the form of administrative expenses while proceeding through the OEB's Leave to Construct

process and in dealing with the applicant in file EB-2013-0339. These municipal expenses are being subsidized and paid through property taxes collected by the municipality; of which I am one of those municipal tax payers. Furthermore according to the OEB's rules of cost award, said costs would not be recoverable from the applicant in file EB-2013-0339 under any circumstance. To a municipal tax payer this appears to be an unfair and unreasonable arrangement; especially considering that the municipality and myself personally have nothing to gain from the subject Leave to Construct application and/or the renewable energy project. Further exasperating this issue is the fact that the applicant in file EB-2013-0339 has not yet received Renewable Energy Approval for the project so there is no guarantee that the project can, or will proceed.

The purpose for my contacting the Ministry of Energy, and then your office on April 7, 2014, was to seek the Province's intervention in this matter by compelling the OEB to stop the Leave to Construct application EB-2013-0339 until such time as the Renewable Energy Approval is issued. Afterall, it will only be after Renewable Energy Approval is issued that the need for the transmission line contemplated by the subject Leave to Construct application would be confirmed.

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

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

Ray Ford

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