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Subject: 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

July 8, 2014

Agatha Garcia-Wright Director Ministry of the Environment Environmental Approvals Branch 2 St. Clair Avenue West Floor 12A Toronto Ontario M4V 1L5

RE: EBR Registry Number 012-1279
White Pines Wind Farm;
Applicant: wpd White Pines Wind Incorporated,
Project Modification – Interconnection Line
Ministry File No. ENV1283MC-2014-1090

Dear Ms. Garcia-Wright.

Thank you for your letter of May 12, 2014. However, subsequent to receipt of your May 12th letter it would appear that there have been some recent developments regarding the subject REA application which I would like to bring to the attention of Ministry of the Environment as these developments have likely resulted in the applicant amending the project information posted on the Environmental Bill of Rights Registry as Instrument Proposal Notice EBR Registry No. 012-1279. In this regard I would respectfully direct the Ministry to the Ontario Energy Board's file on this matter and correspondence dated June 11, 2014 from the applicant to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) acknowledging a need to update evidence filed in their OEB application based on the applicant's discussions with the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario. The subject correspondence from the applicant to the OEB can be found at:

http://www.rds.ontarioenergyboard.ca/webdrawer/webdrawer/sec/440591/view/wpd White Pines %20APPL %20LTC %20evidence correction 20140611.PDF

Upon review of the applicant's June 11th correspondence it will be noted that the updated information includes a "Figure 6" dated April 7, 2014 showing a location for a portion of the proposed Interconnection Line. The location illustrated in "Figure 6" of the applicant's June 11th correspondence appears to be significantly different from any alignment or location shown in the information posted in support of Instrument Proposal Notice EBR Registry No. 012-1279. Furthermore, I can find no evidence on the applicant's project web site, or on the Environmental Bill of Rights Registry, that any of the updates or amendments as contemplated by the applicant's June 11th correspondence were published or made available for public comment or scrutiny.

The purpose for bringing this matter to the attention of the Ministry of the Environment is to advise the Ministry that I have concerns regarding socio, environmental and economic impacts associated with the proposed amendments included in the applicant's June 11th correspondence. As the amendments appear to have occurred after the period for Public Consultation for the project commenced; and without said amendments being reflected in the materials posted on the EBR Registry, there has been no opportunity for public consultation or comment on this latest proposal.

It is respectfully requested that the Ministry of the Environment confirm that the updates or amendments contemplated by the applicant's June 11, 2014 letter did transpire following posting of the Interconnection Line project information to the EBR Registry as Instrument Proposal Notice EBR Registry No. 012-1279; and furthermore the Ministry is respectfully requested to advise if said amendments will be posted on the EBR Registry for public comment in accordance with the requirements of O.Reg. 359/09 so that I will be provided with an opportunity to provide comment on the subject amendments.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Original Signed By

Ray Ford



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