# **ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE**

# Windlectric Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board to build a high-voltage transmission line.

## Learn More.

Windlectric Inc. is asking the Ontario Energy Board for permission to construct approximately 5.9 kilometres of 115 kilovolt electricity transmission line and associated facilities. The transmission line would connect Windlectric Inc.'s Amherst Island Wind Energy Project to the provincial power grid.

Windlectric Inc. is also asking the Ontario Energy Board to approve the form of four agreements it has offered to landowners to use their land for routing or construction of the proposed line.

A map of the proposed route for the transmission line is printed below.

Windlectric Inc.'s application to the OEB concerns construction of the proposed transmission line only. It does not concern the construction or operation of the Amherst Island Wind Energy Project itself.

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. It will hold a public hearing to consider Windlectric Inc.'s requests. During this hearing, the OEB will consider evidence and arguments by Windlectric Inc. and by individuals, municipalities and others whose interests would be affected.

**The OEB hearing will consider specific issues determined by law.** The *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* specifies the issues the OEB is to consider in making its decision. If you wish to participate in the OEB hearing, it is important for you to understand what these issues are:

As required by the Ontario Energy Board Act the OEB will consider three issues:

- The interests of consumers with respect to prices and the reliability and quality of electricity service;
- The promotion of the use of renewable energy sources in a manner consistent with the policies of the Government of Ontario; and
- The form of agreement that Windlectric Inc. offers to landowners affected by the route or location of the transmission line.

**The OEB hearing is not the only approval process required before a line is built.** For example, most transmission lines are subject to the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change's Renewable Energy Approval process. The Board's review will only address the three factors outlined above and will not address other factors, such as, environmental, health, aesthetics or property value impacts.

#### **BE INFORMED**

You have the right to information regarding Windlectric Inc.'s application. You can read Windlectric Inc.'s application on the OEB's website (See below under "Learn More").

#### HAVE YOUR SAY

If you would be affected by the proposed transmission line, you may want to take a more active role in the hearing. You can:

- Send the OEB a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing; or
- Ask the OEB for permission to be an active participant in the hearing (an intervenor). Intervenors can provide evidence, argue their positions and submit relevant questions to be answered by Windlectric Inc. (interrogatories). To be an intervenor, a party must be affected by the transmission line in a way that relates directly to at least one of the issues the OEB will consider. If you wish to be an intervenor, the OEB must receive your request by [insert actual date 10 calendar days from publication].

## LEARN MORE

To learn more about this hearing, find instructions on how to file letters or become an intervenor, or to read the documents related to this case, please select the file no. **EB-2014-0300** from the list on the OEB website: <u>www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/noticeltc</u>. You can also phone Rudra Mukherji at 1-888-632-6273 extension 608.

#### **Oral and Written Hearings**

There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. Windlectric Inc. has applied for a written hearing. The OEB is considering this request. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **[insert actual date 10 calendar days from publication]**.

#### Privacy

If you write a letter with your comments, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the OEB's public record and the OEB website. However, your personal telephone number, address and email address will be removed. If you are a business, all your information will be public. If you apply to become an intervenor, all your information will be public.

This application was filed under sections 92, and 97 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998 S.O. 1998, c.15, Schedule B.

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