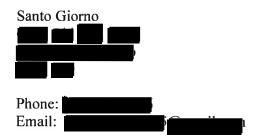
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December 8, 2014

Re: EB-2014-0295

Ms Kirsten Walli Secretary, Ontario Energy Board Box 2319, 27th Floor 2300 Yonge Street Toronto M4P 1E4 boardsec@ontarioenergyboard.ca

Dear Ms. Walli:

As described in Section 23 of the OEB's <u>Rules of Practice and Procedures</u>, please accept this document as a summary of my comments and concerns on Suncor's Application to construct distribution infrastructure for their Cedar Point wind project on the Town of Plympton-Wyoming's road allowances.

As a homeowner, property taxpayer and resident in the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, my interests are to verify that this project's distribution infrastructure has been designed with due diligence to minimize any negative impact on the Town, the safety of the roads that I and my family travel on, and on the cost impact that this project may have on my property taxes.

I understand that I do not have the same status as an intervenor, but I ask that Suncor address my concerns as required in Section 23.03 of the OEB's <u>*Rules*</u>

Your's truly

Original signed by: Santo Giorno IN THE MATTER OF the Electricity Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c. 15, Schedule A;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an application by Suncor Energy Products Inc. to determine the location of electricity distribution facilities within road allowances

owned by the Town of Plympton-Wyoming.

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### **Preamble:**

I am aware of the Board's mandate in this hearing. From the Board's Procedural Order 1: the scope of the Board's mandate is defined as:

"The Board's jurisdiction in this matter is strictly limited to determining the location of the distribution facilities within the road allowances where there is disagreement. The question for this case is therefore not whether Suncor may locate its distribution facilities within the road allowances, but rather, where specifically within the road allowances the distribution facilities will be located."

## 1. Location of the distribution facilities:

From Suncor's application, Exhibit B, Tab 2, Schedule 1, pages 2-3:

48 The Applicant has secured rights in certain privately owned lots on which certain segments of
49 the Distribution System will be situated. The Distribution System will also occupy
50 approximately 22.615 km of streets and highways ("Road Allowances") that are owned by the
51 Town, as more particularly described in Exhibit B, Tab 5, Schedule 1 (the "Road Allowances").
52 A Maps illustrating the proposed location of the entire Distribution System are provided in
53 Appendix A of this Exhibit B, Tab 2, Schedule 1 and in Appendix L of Exhibit B, Tab 4,
54 Schedule 1.

I submit that the proposed location of Suncor's distribution facilities is not clearly defined.

There are significant discrepancies in the location of the distribution facilities between Suncor's Notice of Application, as shown on the map, page 2, and the map in Appendix A of this Exhibit B, Tab 2, Schedule 1 and in Appendix L of Exhibit B, Tab 4, Schedule 1

Note: The Notice, and the map in Appendix A of the Application are attached to this document for the convenience of the parties to this hearing.

In addition; there are nine (9) alternate sites in Suncor's proposed Cedar Point project. It is my understanding that several alternate sites are within the Town limits. Since these sites will not be developed, this will have a significant impact on the required distribution facilities and on the location of those facilities. I would point out that the final 55 sites, including the 9 alternates, were identified as far back as May 2013, when they were displayed at Suncor's open houses as exhibits. To claim that the final sites have not yet been selected, nearly 18 months later, would suggest that this Application is premature.

In order for me, (or the Board, or the Town of Plympton-Wyoming) to properly assess Suncor's application and respond accordingly, the specific, and final, locations on the Town's roads must be identified.

Due to Suncor's incomplete application, I respectfully suggest that the Board require Suncor to identify the final turbine sites, as they are currently planned, and clearly identify the proposed distribution facilities required for the final sites.

## Concern 1\_S Giorno\_1:

1.1: Suncor has not confirmed that the diagram in their Application is the correct version and that the diagram in their Notice is no longer accurate.

1.2: Suncor has not identified the current final and alternate sites, nor have they indicated which portions of the distribution facility would NOT be required due to the removal of the alternate sites from the project plan.

1.3: Suncor has not confirmed that there will be NO distribution facilities installed and left on any portion of the Town's road allowances that are not required for the final 46 turbine sites.

# 2. Modification Report

In its Modification document, Modification 1, page 1.1; Suncor indicated that an additional segment of distribution facilities along Douglas Line and another segment along Uttoxeter Road, from Douglas Line to Hubbard Line was added because it "provides Suncor with greater design flexibility and minimizes pinch points with respect to connecting Project turbines with the substation."

I find Suncor's rationale to be vague and without substance, especially in light of Suncor's earlier project plan that did not include this section of distribution line. I would also point out that this increased "flexibility" would result in an additional 2725 meters of distribution line on the Town's road allowance.

## Concern 2\_S Giorno\_2:

2.1: Suncor has not provided a detailed technical explanation as to why the original distribution route in the road allowance along Blue Heron Road is unacceptable, and why an additional 2725 meters of distribution line in the road allowance of Uttoxeter Road is required.

## 3. Obstacles

From Suncor's application, Exhibit B, Tab 2, Schedule 1, pages 2-3:

31 installed underneath watercourses, woodlots or roads, by means of directional drilling. There32 may be occasional locations where the collection lines are placed above ground on wood,33 concrete or steel poles in the event that a physical obstruction is discovered during construction.

And,

44 3) When locating lines within road allowances, the Applicant shall install the lines 45 within 1m of the property limit of the right of way, unless unknown obstacles are

46 discovered. In such a case the location shall be as far from the travelled portion of the 47 road as possible.

## Concern 3\_S Giorno\_3:

3.1: Suncor has not identified any obstacles that they may already be aware of that would require a deviation from the setback of 1m from the property limits

3.2: If there are known obstacles, Suncor has not identified the location of each obstacle, the change in setback that will be required, and detailed drawings showing the changes.

3.3: If above ground sections are required, Suncor has not provided detailed drawings of the above ground locations, specifically, the locations of any poles that will be installed on the Town's road allowances.

3.4: If above ground sections are required, Suncor has not provided detailed engineering drawings and specifications for the types of poles to be used.

3.4: In the event that Suncor plans to use existing Hydro One poles for some above ground segments, Suncor has not confirmed that an agreement has been negotiated with Hydro One.

# 4. Natural Gas Line along Douglas Line

Exhibit B, Tab 5, Schedule 1. There are four segments (25, 29, 31, and 35) in the road allowances along Douglas Line for a total of 3657 meters.

Union Gas has a natural gas line along portions of Douglas Line.

## Concern 4\_S Giorno\_4:

4.1: Suncor has not confirmed that they have an agreement with Union Gas with respect to the location of that portion of the distribution line that will be on the same side of Douglas Line and adjacent to the Union Gas line.

4.2: Suncor has not provided detailed drawings showing their distribution line and the Union gas line in that portion of the road allowance where both lines are on the same side of the road.

## ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE (Revised October 30, 2014)

### Suncor Energy Products Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board to determine the location of electricity distribution facilities within road allowances owned by the Town of Plympton-Wyoming. Learn More.

Suncor Energy Products Inc. plans to own and operate the generation and distribution assets associated with the Suncor Cedar Point II Wind Energy Project in the Municipality of Lambton Shores, the Township of Warwick and the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, in Lambton County. To convey the electricity from the wind generation to the provincial electricity grid, Suncor Energy Products Inc. proposes to construct and operate a distribution system including 22.615 km of distribution line which it plans to locate within certain road allowances owned by the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, have not been able to reach agreement regarding the location of the distribution facilities, Suncor Energy Products Inc. is asking that the Ontario Energy Board determine the location of the distribution facilities within the municipal road allowances.

A map showing the potentially affected road allowances is appended to this Notice.

### THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD IS HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. It will hold a public hearing to consider Suncor Energy Products Inc.'s request. During this hearing, the OEB will consider evidence and arguments by Suncor Energy Products Inc., the Town of Plympton-Wyoming and others whose interests would be affected.

The OEB hearing will consider specific issues determined by law. The Electricity Act, 1998 specifies that the OEB is strictly limited to determining the location of the distribution facilities within the road allowances in question. The OEB will not consider alternative locations for the distribution facilities outside of the road allowances or any aspect of the wind generation project in this case.

#### **BE INFORMED**

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

#### HAVE YOUR SAY

If you would be affected by the location of the distribution facilities within the road allowances owned by the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, you may want to take a more active role in the hearing. You can:

- Send the OEB a letter with your comments within 60 calendar days from the date this Notice is
  posted on applicant's website, 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
  Suncor Energy Products Inc. (interrogatories). To be an intervenor, a party must be affected by the
  location of the facilities in a way that relates directly to 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 the date the <u>Revised Notice</u> is posted on applicant's website].

#### LEARN MORE

Our file number for this case is **EB-2014-0295**. To learn more about how to participate in this hearing, including how to file a letter with your comments or how to become an intervenor, go to <u>www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/participate</u>. From that OEB web page you can also enter the file number **EB-2014-0295** to see all the documents related to this case. You can also phone our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.

#### **ORAL AND WRITTEN HEARINGS**

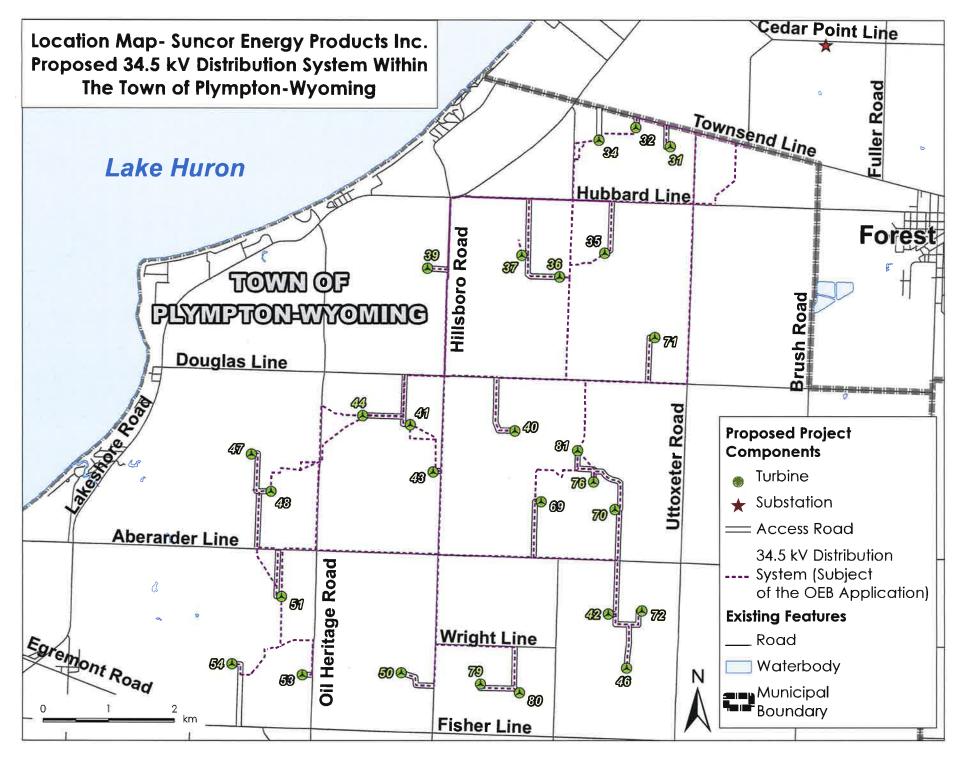
There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. Suncor Energy Products Inc. has applied for a written hearing. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why.

#### 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 section 41(9) of the Electricity Act, 1998 S.O. 1998, c.15, Schedule A.





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