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Ms. Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board  
2300 Yonge Street  
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Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: SP Belle River Wind LP (EB-2016-0008)**

We are writing to advise the Board that, in the course of the development of the Project, including the Transmission line, SP Belle River Wind LP (the "**Applicant**"), has recently determined that it is technically and financially feasible to construct the Transmission line entirely underground within the existing route described in the Application (the "**Underground Option**"). The Applicant wishes for the Board's final decision to expressly permit the Applicant to construct the Transmission line per the Underground Option.

Time is of the essence for obtaining an order for leave to construct the Transmission line and for arranging construction and term project financing for the Project. As such, we request that the Board continue to process the Application "as-is" since the Underground Option does not amount to a material change to the Application for the following reasons:

- the transmission route as proposed in the Application will be unaffected;
- any cost variances will be wholly borne by the Applicant with no impact on rate-payers;
- adjacent landowners to the Transmission line route have communicated a preference for the Underground Option;
- no new permits, land use agreements (temporary or permanent), nor amendments or changes to Town nor County road use agreements will be required, since the Underground Option is permitted by such; and
- the Applicant's REA decision for the Project expressly permits burying the Transmission line underground, and will continue to apply.

The Applicant has filed a revised system impact assessment ("SIA") application with the IESO that reflects the Underground Option. We do not anticipate that, as a result of the Underground Option, the IESO will have additional requirements to those contained in the SIA filed as part of the leave to construct application. However, should that not be the case, the Applicant will comply with any additional IESO requirements as condition of a leave to construct decision.

We apologize for any inconvenience this change may cause, and thank the Board in advance for taking any measures to expedite the application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Taylor', with a stylized, flowing script.

Andrew Taylor