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August 31, 2016

Ms. Kirsten Walli, Board Secretary Ontario Energy Board 2300 Yonge Street 27th Floor Toronto, Ontario M4P 1E4

Dear Ms. Walli:

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

In accordance with Procedural Order No. 2 (the "**Procedural Order**") in the above referenced proceeding, we are writing in response to order #1:

"The Applicant shall file with the OEB evidence of the process that it has followed to contact the 7 Landowners that have not signed the letter of support for the Underground Option by August 31, 2016."

As indicated in the Procedural Order:

"The Applicant submitted a letter of support for the Underground Option signed by 17 of the 24 landowners whose homes are adjacent to, but not directly affected by, the transmission line. The remaining 7 landowners (7 Landowners) were not available to meet the Applicant because of work (farming) commitments, vacations or other reasons."

In accordance with the Procedural Order, this letter along with its appendices, serve as the Applicant's evidence of the process it followed to contact the 7 remaining landowners. The 17 landowners who signed the letter of support for the Underground Option were obviously made aware of the Underground Option, as evidenced by their signatures on the letter of support for the Underground Option, which is presumably why the Board specified in the Procedural Order that the Applicant must provide evidence of the process it followed to contact the 7 landowners that have not signed the letter of support for the Underground Option. Accordingly, this filing is restricted to evidencing the process the Applicant followed to contact the 7 remaining landowners about the Underground Option.

The Process:

During the weekend of August 27, 2016, at the request of a representative of the Applicant, two of the residents of County Road #31 (hereinafter referred to as the "Neighbours") who had previously signed the letter of support for the Underground Option went door-to-door to obtain signatures of the remaining 7 Landowners. As indicated at the bottom of the updated letter of support attached at Appendix #1 (the "Updated Letter of Support"), additional signatures were obtained from 4 of the remaining 7 Landowners by the Neighbours:

- Remaining Landowner #1: the landowner of 2224, 2252 and 2256 County Road #31 (same landowner for all three properties);
- Remaining Landowner #2: the landowner of 2239 County Road #31;
- Remaining Landowner #3: the landowner of 2263 County Road #31; and
- Remaining Landowner #4: the landowner of 2222 County Road #31.

As indicated at the top of the Updated Letter of Support, although attempts were made by the Neighbours, they did not obtain signatures from the 3 remaining landowners, as two of those properties were vacant, and the other was occupied by a tenant. As such, the Applicant requested its land consultant, Mr. Helmut Klingel, to attempt to notify the 3 remaining landowners of the Underground Option. An affidavit sworn by Mr. Klingel regarding his efforts is attached at Appendix #2. In summary:

• Remaining Landowner #5: Mr. Klingel met with the landowner of 2249 County Road #31 on August 30, 2016 and explained the Underground Option to her. He also gave her a letter from the Applicant and the Board's original Notice of Hearing. The Landowner did not object to the Underground Option. Please refer to paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of Mr. Klingel's affidavit.

• Remaining Landowner #6: Mr. Klingel was able to obtain a signature from the landowner of 2218 County Road #31. Please refer to paragraph 5 of Mr. Klingel's affidavit.

• Remaining Landowner #7: Mr. Klingel determined that the landowner of 2233 County Road #1 lives in Calgary. He was unable to reach the landowner by telephone, so Mr. Klingel sent the landowner an email with a letter from the Applicant and the Notice of Hearing attached. As of today's date a reply has not been received from the landowner. However, as noted in Mr. Klingel's affidavit, when he spoke with the landowner in April of 2016 about the above-ground transmission line, the landowner did not object and only raised concerns regarding his property value. Please refer to paragraphs 6, 7 and 8 of Mr. Klingel's affidavit.

We wish to re-emphasize that the Notice of Hearing did not specify whether the proposed transmission line would be constructed above or below ground. As well, none of the adjacent landowners will be directly affected by the proposed transmission line, whether above-ground or underground. Further, the Applicant's proposal to underground the transmission line was in response to the wishes expressed by the Council of the Town of Lakeshore and adjacent landowners. Finally, as part of the REA process, all of the adjacent landowners were given notice of the possibility of the Underground Option, and had the opportunity to raise objections. No objections to the Underground Option were raised and a REA was issued to the Applicant.

Sincerely,

Andrew Taylor

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APPENDIX #1 UPDATED LETTER OF SUPPORT

2218 - Vacant 2218 - Vacant 2233 - Renders not home owners

Support for Underground Transmission Line

I am aware of a proposal by SP Beile River Wind LP (the "Proponent") to construct and operate a 100 MW wind farm project within our community including a proposal to the Ontario Energy Board for permission to construct a 230 ky transmission line (the "14. Line") to connect the project to the Ontario grid. I am a resident of the Town of Lakeshore, Essex County, Ontario and my home is located adjacent to recorn the proposed Ti. Line. I understand that in response to feedback from residents in our community (including myself), the Proponent has agreed to change the configuration of the TL Line so that alt portions of the TL Line widths peblic right of way would be constructed below-ground instead of above-grade. I agree with and support this decision as indicated by my name, signature and address written below.

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APPENDIX #2 AFFIDAVIT OF HELMUT KLINGEL

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15 (Sched. B);

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by SP Belle River Wind LP for an Order or Orders pursuant to section 92 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (as amended) granting leave to construct transmission facilities in the County of Essex, Ontario.

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I, Helmut Klingel, of the City of Windsor, in the Province of Ontario,

MAKE OATH AND SAY:

 I am a land consultant retained by SP Belle River Wind LP (the "Applicant") to communicate with landowners regarding the Belle River Wind Farm and its associated components.

Remaining Landowner #5:

- In accordance with a request by a representative of the Applicant, on August 30th, 2016 I determined that the contact information for the landowner registered on title for 2249 County Road #31 was at 10120 Caledon Court in Windsor Ontario.
- 3. I met with the Applicant's proposal to bury the transmission line on the road allowance of County Road #31. As well, I provided her with the Notice of Hearing and the letter from the Applicant attached hereto at Exhibit 'A'.
- 4. advised me that she did not object to burying the transmission line.

Remaining Landowner #6:

5. On August 30, 2016, I went to the property at 2218 County Road #31 and obtained a signature from the landowner in support of the underground transmission line. The signature is at the bottom of the letter of support attached hereto at Exhibit 'B'.

Remaining Landowner #7:

6. I went to the property at 2218 County Road #31 on April 14, 2016, I was advised by the occupant that he was renting the property from the owner who lived in Calgary, and I

asked the occupant to pass on my name and telephone number on to the landowner.

7. The landowner, called me April 16, 2016 and I informed him of the proposed above-ground transmission line (as it was originally proposed). His only concern was a possible negative effect in property value and asked if there were any other

options as to the location of the installation, such as burying the transmission line.

8. On August 31, 2016, I sent an email to which I attached the letter from the Applicant and the Notice of Hearing attached hereto at Exhibit 'C'. At the time of swearing this affidavit, I have not yet received a reply from

Sworn before me at the Town of Lakeshore

on August 31, 2016

A Commissioner, etc.

Helmut Klingel



SP Bella River Wind LP 2050 Derry Road West 2rd Floor Mississauga, ON L5N 089 www.belleriverwind.com

To:

The Property Owner of PIN 75054-0083, 2249 County Road 31, Ruscom

From: SP Belle River Wind LP

In February of 2016, the attached Notice of Hearing was published by the Ontario Energy Board regarding an application by SP Belle River Wind LP to construct approximately 7 kilometres of 230 kilovolt electricity transmission line and associated facilities in the Town of Lakeshore in the County of Essex, Ontario. The transmission line would connect SP Belle River Wind LP's 100 MW Belle River Wind project to the provincial power grid. More information regarding the transmission line, including a map of its route, is contained in the attached Notice of Hearing.

SP Belle River Wind LP originally applied to the Ontario Energy Board on the basis that it would construct the transmission line above-ground along the road allowance of County Road #31. Since filing its original application, SP Belle River Wind LP has changed its proposal to constructing the transmission line underground along the road allowance of County Road #31.

If you have any questions or concerns about SP Belle River Wind LP's proposal to construct the transmission line underground, please contact Brian Edwards by September 9, 2016 at:

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Learn more.

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SP Belle River Wind LP is also asking the Ontario Energy Board to approve the form of four agreements it has offered to landowners to use their land for locating or constructing the proposed line.

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

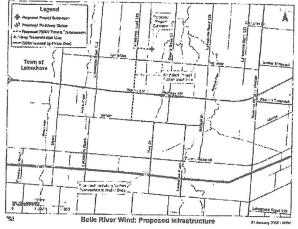
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The OEB hearing will consider specific issues determined by law. The Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998 specifies the issues the OEB is to consider in making its decision. If you wish to participate in the OEB hearing, it is important for you to understand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

- · The interests of consumers with respect to prices and the reliability and quality of electricity service;
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- . The form of agreement that SP Balle River Wind LP 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 and associated facilities are built. For example, most transmission lines and associated facilities 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.



RE INFORMED

You have the right to information regarding SP Belle River Wind LP's application. You can read SP Belle River Wind LP'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.

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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-2016-0008 from the list on the OEB website: www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/noticeftc. You can also phone Michael Lesychyn at 1-888-632-6273 extension 632

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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 92 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998 S.O. 1998, c.15, Schedule B.

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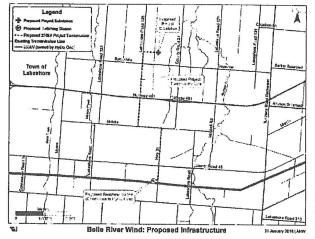
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