



Ontario Energy Board Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario

ORDER EB-2017-0120

WINDLECTRIC INC.

**Application for Electricity Generation Licences under the Feed-in
Tariff Program**

BY DELEGATION, BEFORE: **Brian Hewson**
Vice President,
Consumer Protection & Industry Performance

May 4, 2017

ORDER

Windlectric Inc. (Windlectric) filed an application on February 28, 2017 with the Ontario Energy Board under section 60 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the Act) seeking an electricity generation licence as a Feed-In Tariff (FIT) Program participant.

The OEB has decided, pursuant to section 6(4) of the Act to review the application without a hearing.

On March 15, 2017 the OEB received a letter from Michele LeLay on behalf of the Association to Protect Amherst Island (APAI). Then, on April 5, 7 and 10, 2017, the OEB received another three letters from members of the public. The matters addressed in the letters were related to environmental concerns, outstanding municipal authorizations and permits and requests to cancel the project.

I have reviewed the concerns raised in the letters. The concerns raised in the letters are not within the scope of the matters considered by the OEB in deciding an application for a generation licence as a FIT Program participant. A FIT electricity generation licence permits the licensee to generate electricity or provide an ancillary service for sale under a FIT contract with the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO). The licence does not grant approval to build the generation facility itself. It is, therefore, a process for licensing the applicant, not the facility.

In the exercise of its licensing function, the OEB's practice is to review a licence application based on the applicant's ability to own and/or operate a generation facility and to participate reliably in Ontario's energy market, i.e. the OEB assesses the applicant's financial viability, technical capability and conduct. When an applicant for an electricity generation licence is a FIT Program participant, the IESO undertakes an assessment of the applicant's financial viability, technical capability and conduct. If the IESO is satisfied with the results of this assessment, it grants the applicant a Notice to Proceed. Because of the IESO assessment process, the OEB will generally grant a generation licence to an applicant if it has received a Notice to Proceed from the IESO.

The information provided by the applicant on this matter is satisfactory, specifically Windlectric has a FIT contract with the IESO and Windlectric has provided the OEB with a Notice to Proceed issued by the IESO on January 26, 2017.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The application is granted, on such conditions as are contained in the attached licence.

DATED at Toronto, May 4, 2017

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original Signed By

Brian Hewson
Vice President, Consumer Protection & Industry Performance