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**BY E-MAIL**

May 19, 2017

Mr. Waurndkiw

Dear Mr. Al S. Warunkiw:

**Re: wpd White Pines Wind Incorporated (White Pines)  
OEB File Number EB-2016-0268/EB-2016-0046/EB-2013-0339**

Thank you for your e-mail dated May 10, 2017 in the above-captioned matter. As you know, the wpd White Pines Wind Incorporated (White Pines) application for leave to construct transmission facilities (OEB File No. EB-2013-0339) was filed with the OEB in 2013 and approved by the OEB in May of 2015. The scope of the OEB's review of the application was made clear in the Notice of Application that was published by White Pines and posted on the OEB's web site on October 9, 2013. Among other matters, the Notice (attached for your information) describes the OEB's jurisdiction in a leave to construct application.

The Order issued by the OEB on March 30th of this year dealt with a request by White Pines for a further extension of the date by which it must commence construction of the transmission facilities that were the subject of the initial application. That Order extends the construction commencement deadline to September 29, 2017. In each extension application (there have been three since leave to construct was granted), the OEB explained that it would not be re-hearing the merits of the original leave to construct application, as that decision was determined in the March 29, 2015 Decision of the OEB. Each of the three subsequent applications has dealt only with the request to vary the condition of approval relating to the construction commencement deadline. The OEB decided, pursuant to section 21 (4)(b) of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, to review and vary the Decision and Order, without a hearing. The OEB determined that no person will be adversely impacted by the outcome of this proceeding to vary the construction commencement deadline.

For your information, White Pines filed a letter with the OEB on May 17, 2017 regarding the decision of the Environmental Review Tribunal on an appeal of the Renewable Energy Approval for the White Pines project. White Pines indicated that following the close of the appeal period, they will provide an update on the project to the OEB.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to the OEB referencing file EB-2016-0268.

Sincerely

*Original Signed By*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary