

June 12, 2017

Ms. Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary  
Ontario Energy Board  
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**Re: Application for Leave to Construct – wpd White Pines Wind Incorporated Board File No. EB-2016-0268**

wpd White Pines Wind Incorporated (White Pines) filed an application with the OEB dated September 18, 2013 for leave to construct approximately 28 km of 69 kV underground electricity transmission line and associated facilities

On March 6, 2014, the OEB issued Procedural Order No. 1, granting the Alliance to Protect Prince Edward County (APPEC) intervenor status and cost award eligibility.

Some of APPEC's primary concerns as an intervenor was that this planned 28 km of 69 kV underground transmission line was to be constructed close to residential heritage homes where there are known limestone deposits requiring hydraulic drilling. To date, wpd has not attempted to address potential construction damage with compensation to heritage homes, residential wells, etc. that are located along the transmission line within the 60m setback. Additionally, this underground transmission facility will be constructed through multiple environmentally sensitive areas in the County. Contrary to any assumption that residents are not impacted, since September 2013 this application has been a concern for many of the County residents and businesses where construction will have an impact.

As indicated in the wpd White Pines' recent May 17, 2017 correspondence to the OEB, the Environmental Review Tribunal's (ERT) decision on the Renewable Energy Approval (REA) for the White Pines project was issued on April 26, 2017. The attached REA decision in that correspondence further indicates the removal of 18 of the Project's turbines. As a result of the ERT decision the Project now consists of only 9 turbines.

The ERT decision was not appealed to the Ontario Divisional Court by any of the parties (wpd White Pines Wind Inc., MOECC, John Hirsh or APPEC) during the 30-day appeal period ending May 26, 2017. The appeal period is over and wpd White Pines Inc. has still not reported on the status and impacts to the Project identifying any material changes.

As the final and uncontested ERT decision now stands, this significantly alters the proposed project from the original 29 wind turbines with a generation capacity of 59.45 MW to only 9 turbines with a generation capacity of 18.45 MW. This major change in the project generation plans will have significant impact on the Leave to Construct 28 km of 69 kV application as well as on the wpd White Pines current FIT contract.

Given the limited generation capability in the approved REA for the wpd White Pines Wind Project, APPEC is asking that the OEB provide an update on the plans to address:

1. Any material changes to the 28 km of 69 kV transmission facilities
2. Whether wpd White Pines has a valid FIT Contract given the reduction limitations as set out in section **2.1c Design and Construction of the Facility** of their FIT Contract.

Regards,  
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Chair, APPEC