

Ontario Energy Board

Attn: Board Secretary,

I am writing the Board regarding the above noted matter. Within the information currently posted on-line regarding the subject Leave to Construct, the proponent (White Pines) has confirmed within their June 28, 2016 (sic) letter that the (ERT) appeal period has closed and no appeal of the (ERT) decision was made. Therefore the ERT decision stands and the White Pines project is now a nine (9) turbine project.

With the ERT decision now confirmed the White Pines project has been amended to become a nine (9) turbine project (para.166(2) of the ERT decision); with the nine (9) approved turbines having operating restrictions imposed in the form of adjusting the cut-in speed to 5.5 m/s between sunset and sunrise from May 1 to September 30 at all turbines for the operating life of the Project (para.166(1).i.2 of the ERT decision). I would like to bring to the attention of the Board that the original leave to construct application, and resulting OEB Decision and Order EB-2013-0339, was based on System and Customer Impact Assessments prepared for a twenty-nine (29) turbine project; not the nine (9) turbine facility as now approved by the ERT through the amended REA. Therefore it is apparent the ERT amended project is not at all similar to the project which formed the original Leave to Construct application in EB-2013-0339.

Furthermore the April 26, 2017 ERT Decision has mandated a cut-in speed threshold for the remaining nine (9) turbines and provisions for this cut-in speed operation do not appear to have been addressed within the System and Customer Impact Assessments prepared for the original (29 turbine) project. Therefore the amended and ERT approved nine (9) turbine project will be at risk of subjecting the IESO-controlled grid to impacts of un-mitigated charging reactive power surges at cut-in / cut-out of the 9 approved turbines. Clearly, the System and Customer Impact Assessments as prepared for the original (29 turbine) project can no longer be considered current or relevant in this matter.

I remain concerned about the reliability and quality of electricity service in Prince Edward County as this service area continues to be subjected to frequent and lengthy power disruptions. Without the Board undertaking a thorough review and assessment of the amended (9 turbine) project, I am concerned that this amended White Pines' project will further disrupt the reliability and quality of electricity service in Prince Edward County should the proponent choose to commence construction of their transmission lines at this time. Therefore, I am respectfully requesting the Ontario Energy Board to intervene in this matter and take action to stop the White Pines' transmission facilities from proceeding to construction until such time as the Board has given full and proper consideration to all potential impacts of the(amended and approved) 9 turbine White Pines' project upon the integrated power system servicing Prince Edward County.

Please note that without the OEB's endorsement of the 9 turbine project, I consider there to be substantial risk to the integrated power system servicing Prince Edward County so I have copied the Honourable Minister of Energy with this message so that he and his office are aware of the issues and risks regarding the Leave to Construct currently in place for this White Pines project.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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