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Dear Mr. Baasit:

Re: wpd White Pines Wind Incorporated
Ontario Energy Board File Numbers EB-2016-0268, EB-2016-0046 and EB-
2013-0339

In its Vary Order issued on March 30, 2017 (EB-2016-0268), the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) extended the deadline for the commencement of construction of the electricity transmission line and associated facilities to connect wpd White Pines Wind Incorporated's (White Pines') wind project in Prince Edward County to the provincial transmission grid to September 29, 2017. In that Vary Order, White Pines was directed to advise the OEB on three matters on or before August 1, 2017: the status of the appeal of the Renewable Energy Approval to the Environmental Review Tribunal (ERT); the status of the ERT decision; and White Pines' anticipated construction commencement date.

In White Pines' letter of May 17, 2017, a copy of the ERT Decision was enclosed and the OEB was advised that White Pines was in the process of reviewing that Decision. In White Pines' June 28, 2017 letter, it was confirmed that the appeal period for the ERT Decision had closed, and that no appeal of that decision was made. White Pines went on to advise that the leave to construct, which is the subject of EB-2016-0268, is also (in

part) the subject of a Divisional Court proceeding.¹ White Pines asked that the “proceedings” in the EB-2016-0268 application be adjourned pending the outcome of an OEB motion to have the OEB removed from that Judicial Review application in the Divisional Court.

There is no ongoing proceeding in EB-2016-0268, and as a result, the proceeding cannot be adjourned. White Pines has not yet provided its anticipated construction commencement date, and is required to do so by tomorrow. Should White Pines wish to have any of the deadlines in the Vary Order extended, it will be necessary for White Pines to make that request to the OEB, as White Pines has already done on a number of earlier occasions. The OEB will consider any such request once it has been filed, and this letter should not be taken as an approval of any such request.

Please be advised that, should White Pines make a further request to extend the deadline(s), the OEB will likely require information from White Pines on the status and validity of its current System Impact Assessment, Customer Impact Assessment and FIT contract; and on White Pines’ plans to proceed with the construction of the transmission infrastructure that is the subject of this proceeding.

Any questions relating to this letter should be directed to Michael Lesychyn, Case Manager at 416-440-7632, Michael.Lesychyn@oeb.ca or to James Sidlofsky, OEB Counsel at 416-440-7633, James.Sidlofsky@oeb.ca. The Board’s toll-free number is 1-888-632-6273.

Sincerely;

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¹ CCSAGE Naturally Green v. Director, Section 47.5, Environmental Protection Act and Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry and Ontario Energy Board, Divisional Court File No. 15-2162