

October 20, 2017

Delivered by Email

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Re: Application for Leave to Construct – wpd White Pines Wind Incorporated Board File No. EB-2016-0268

With all due respect I would like to bring to your attention that wpd White Pines has not complied with Vary Order EB-2016-0268 in that wpd White Pines has:

- not yet commenced construction of their transmission facilities,
- not identified an anticipated commencement date, and
- not requested an extension to the March 30, 2017 Vary Order date with current System Impact Assessment, Customer Impact Assessment and FIT contract.

With significant changes being proposed by wpd White Pines to the generation nameplate capacity, changes in the transmission and/or distribution system and with the apparent lack of proper assessment documentation and governance of this project implementation, I remain concerned about the implementation of this project with the possible impacts this generation project may have on the reliability and quality of the electricity service in Prince Edward County.

I respectfully request the OEB confirm if Vary Order EB-2016-0268 remains in effect. I would appreciate an acknowledgement of receipt of this message and that this correspondence be posted to the OEB website as a previous October 5, 2017 correspondence to the OEB Registrar has not been responded to.

I have also copied Hon. Glenn Thibeault to ensure he is aware that of the circumstances with this project and the impact that this project may have on the quality of the electrical service in Prince Edward County if the proper assessments are not completed in a timely manner.

Background

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.

Since this Vary Order the White Pines Wind project has reduced their nameplate capacity from 60 MW down to 18.45 MW. And yet a new System Impact Assessment (SIA) and Customer Impact Assessment (CIA) have not been submitted and based on documents posted on the OEB website, the 28 km 69 kV transmission facility/line will be changed to a 12 km 44 kV distribution facility and line.

In a July 31st, 2017 posted correspondence from the OEB Registrar to Jameel A Baasit, of wpd White Pines Inc. it was stated: *"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."*

Thank you,

Bill Peel,

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