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BY EMAIL

October 24, 2017

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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) varied its March 19, 2015 Decision and Order in EB-2013-0339 by extending 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.

The OEB recently received correspondence from Mr. Bill Peel. In his letters (dated October 5, 2017 and October 20, 2017), Mr. Peel has stated, among other things, that White Pines has not yet commenced construction of the transmission facilities, nor has it requested an extension of the September 29, 2017 deadline for the commencement of construction. Copies of those letters are enclosed.

In our letter of August 31, 2017 to Mr. Peel and others (copy enclosed), we advised that "if White Pines is no longer proceeding with a transmission line, but is instead constructing a distribution line, the matter is removed from the OEB's jurisdiction and

leave to construct is no longer required, by operation of Ontario Regulation 161/99."

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We ask that you advise the OEB as to whether you intend to proceed with the construction of a transmission line and related facilities, and:

- if so, whether you have commenced construction; or
- if not, whether you are instead constructing a distribution line and related facilities.

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

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

Kirsten Walli Board Secretary

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