Ontario Energy Board Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario



EB-2013-0040 EB-2013-0041

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND WRITTEN HEARING FOR LEAVE TO CONSTRUCT ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION LINES AND RELATED FACILITIES IN MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Application by Bornish Wind, LP, Kerwood Wind, Inc. and Jericho Wind, Inc.

and

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Bornish Wind, LP, Kerwood Wind, Inc. and Jericho Wind, Inc. (the "Co-owners") have filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board (the "Board"), dated February 8, 2013, under sections 92, 97 and 101 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c.15, Schedule B (the "Act"). The Co-owners have applied for an order of the Board granting leave to construct an electricity transmission line and related facilities for the Bornish Wind Energy Centre ("BWEC"), a wind farm generation facility. The Co-owners also plan to utilize the Co-owners' transmission facilities to serve the Adelaide Wind Energy Centre and the Jericho Wind Energy Centre. Additional transmission facilities related to the Adelaide Wind Energy Centre are described below. Additional transmission facilities related to the Jericho Wind Energy Centre will be the subject of a separate application.

The Co-owners have also applied for Board approval of the form of agreements that have been or will be offered to landowners affected by the approved route, and for an order approving the construction of certain transmission facilities upon, under or over a highway, utility line or ditch. The Board has assigned file number EB-2013-0040 to this application.

The transmission line and related facilities (collectively, the "Co-owners' Transmission Facilities") include:

- A substation to be owned by Bornish Wind, LP, that will step-up power from BWEC from 34.5 kV to 115 kV ("Bornish Collection Substation");
- A switching station to be owned by the Co-owners at which power from BWEC, Adelaide Wind Energy Centre and the Jericho Wind Energy Centre will converge ("Bornish Customer Switching Station");
- A 115 kV line of less than 100 m connecting the Bornish Collection Substation and the Bornish Customer Switching Station;
- A 115 kV transmission line, to be owned by the Co-owners, approximately 12.6 km in length connecting the Bornish Customer Switching Station and the Parkhill Customer Transformer Station;
- A 500 kV transformer station to be owned by the Co-owners, that will step-up power from the Bornish Customer Switching Station from 115 kV to 500 kV ("Parkhill Customer Transformer Station"); and
- A 500 kV line of less than 100 m connecting the Parkhill Customer Transformer Station to Hydro One Networks Inc.'s Evergreen Switching Station.

The Co-owners' Transmission Facilities will be located in Middlesex County in the municipality of North Middlesex. The Co-owners state that the proposed Co-owners' Transmission Facilities are needed to connect the BWEC to the Independent Electricity System Operator controlled grid. The BWEC is a proposed 72.9 MW wind energy generation facility, which was awarded a 20 year power purchase agreement under the Ontario Power Authority's Feed-in-Tariff program in July 2011. The generation facility itself (i.e., the wind farm) is not part of the leave to construct application and does not fall within the scope of this proceeding.

Construction of the Co-owners' Transmission Facilities is planned to start in August 2013 and the proposed in-service date for the Co-owners' Transmission Facilities is June 2014.

Kerwood Wind, Inc.

Kerwood Wind, Inc. ("Kerwood") has filed an application with the Board, dated February 8, 2013, under sections 92, 97 and 101 of the Act. Kerwood has applied for an order of the Board granting leave to construct an electricity transmission line and related facilities for the Adelaide Wind Energy Centre ("AWEC"), a wind farm generation facility, and for approval of the form of agreements that have been or will be offered to landowners affected by the approved route, and for an order approving the construction of certain transmission facilities upon, under or over a highway, utility line or ditch. The Board has assigned file number EB-2013-0041 to this application.

The transmission line and related facilities (collectively, the "Kerwood Transmission Facilities") include:

- A substation to be owned by Kerwood, that will step-up power from AWEC from 34.5 kV to 115 kV ("Adelaide Collection Substation"); and
- A 115 kV transmission line, to be owned by Kerwood, approximately 10.8 km in length connecting the Adelaide Collection Substation to the Bornish Customer Switching Station.

The Kerwood Transmission Facilities will be located in Middlesex County in the municipality of North Middlesex. Kerwood states that the proposed Kerwood Transmission Facilities are needed to connect the AWEC to the Independent Electricity System Operator controlled grid. The AWEC is a proposed 59.9 MW wind energy generation facility, which was awarded a 20 year power purchase agreement under the Ontario Power Authority's Feed-in-Tariff program in July 2011. The generation facility itself (i.e., the wind farm) is not part of the leave to construct application and does not fall within the scope of this proceeding.

Construction of the Kerwood Transmission Facilities is planned to start in the summer of 2013 and the proposed in-service date for the Kerwood Transmission Facilities is the summer of 2014.

A map showing the location of the proposed Co-owners' Transmission Facilities and the proposed Kerwood Transmission Facilities is attached as Appendix A to this Notice.

Board Jurisdiction

For a leave to construct application that is filed under section 92 of the Act, section 96 of the Act states that the Board shall consider the public interest and shall only consider the following two issues when deciding if the proposed project is in the public interest:

- the interests of consumers with respect to prices and the reliability and quality of electricity service; and
- (2) where applicable and in a manner consistent with the policies of the Government of Ontario, the promotion of the use of renewable energy sources.

The Board therefore has no power to review environmental issues. Environmental issues related to this project are to be considered through the Renewable Energy Approval process and parties should contact the Co-owners and Kerwood directly for

information on that process.

How to see the Co-owners' and Kerwood's Applications

To see a copy of the applications, go to the Consumer page of the Board's website and enter the case number EB-2013-0040 or EB-2013-0041 in the "Find an Application" box. Copies of the applications and the pre-filed evidence in support of the applications will also be available for public inspection at the addresses listed below and at <u>www.nexteraenergycanada.com</u>.

Consolidation of Proceedings

In the interest of efficiency, the Board has combined the EB-2013-0040 and EB-2013-0041 applications pursuant to the Board's power under section 21(5) of the Act.

Written Hearing

The Board intends to proceed with these matters by way of a written hearing unless a party satisfies the Board that there is a good reason for not holding a written hearing. If you object to the Board holding a written hearing in these matters, you must provide written reasons why an oral hearing is necessary. Any submissions objecting to a written hearing must be received by the Board and copied to the Applicant within **10 days** of the publication or date of service on you of this notice.

How to Participate

Comment

If you wish to give your opinion on the proceeding to the Board Members hearing the application, you are invited to send a letter of comment to the Board no later than **30 days** after the publication or date of service on you of this notice. A complete copy of your letter of comment, including your name, contact information, and the content of the letter, will be provided to the applicants and the Board Members hearing the application.

Observe

If you do not wish to actively participate in the proceeding but you do wish to receive documents issued by the Board, you may request observer status. Your written request must be received by the Board no later than **10 days** from the publication or date of service on you of this notice.

Personal Information in Letters of Comment and Observer Requests

All letters of comment and letters requesting observer status will be placed on the public record, which means that the letters can be seen at the Board's offices and will be available on the Board's website. Before placing the letters on the public record, the Board will remove any personal (i.e. not business) contact information from the letters (i.e. the address, fax number, phone number, and e-mail address of the individual). However, the name of the individual and the content of the letter will become part of the public record. Please address your letter to the Board Secretary at the address below, and reference file numbers EB-2013-0040 and EB-2013-0041 at the top of your letter.

Intervene

If you wish to actively participate in the proceeding (e.g., submit questions, file argument), you may request intervenor status from the Board no later than **10 days** after the publication or service date of this notice. Instructions for requesting intervenor status are available on the Board's website at <u>www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/participate</u>. Everything an intervenor files with the Board, including the intervenor's name and contact information, will be placed on the public record, which can be seen at the Board's offices and will be available on the Board's website.

If you do not have internet access, please call 1-877-632-2727 to receive information about this proceeding and how to participate.

How to Contact Us

In responding to this notice, please reference Board file number EB-2013-0040 and EB-2013-0041 in the subject line of your e-mail or at the top of your letter. It is also important that you provide your name, postal address and telephone number and, if available, an e-mail address and fax number. All communications should be directed to the attention of the Board Secretary at the address below, and be received no later than 4:45 p.m. on the required date.

IMPORTANT

IF YOU DO NOT FILE A WRITTEN OBJECTION TO A WRITTEN HEARING OR DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, THE BOARD MAY PROCEED WITHOUT YOUR PARTICIPATION AND YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO FURTHER NOTICE IN THIS PROCEEDING.

The Board

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APPENDIX A

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Consolidated Location Map

