



**EB-2011-0394**

## **NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND HEARING**

### **APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO CONSTRUCT TRANSMISSION FACILITIES FOR McLEAN'S MOUNTAIN WIND LP**

McLean's Mountain Wind LP (the "Applicant" or "McLean") has filed an application with the Ontario Energy Board, (the "Board") dated November 22, 2011 under sections 92 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c.15, Schedule B (the "Act"). The Applicant has applied for an order of the Board granting leave to construct transmission facilities to connect the McLean's Mountain Wind Farm ("MMWF" or "Wind Farm"), to be located south of Little Current on Manitoulin Island, to the IESO-controlled grid on Goat Island, and an order approving the form of easement agreement provided in the application. McLean's is a Limited Partnership, and is equally owned by Northland Power Inc. and Mnidoo Mnising Power Limited Partnership.

McLean's Mountain Wind LP entered into two feed-in-tariff ("FIT") contracts (10 MW plus 50 MW) with the Ontario Power Authority on April 12, 2010 in respect of the sale of 60 MW total of electricity from the Wind Farm. The work which is the subject of this application involves constructing a new 115 kV single circuit transmission line, consisting of an overhead line of approximately 9 km and submarine/buried cable of approximately 1 km, and associated facilities to connect the Wind Farm to the existing Hydro One Networks Inc. transmission line S2B. The associated facilities include a substation at the Wind Farm end, and a switchyard at the transmission grid end. The switchyard will be owned and operated by Hydro One Networks Inc. The construction of the Wind Farm is not a part of this application.

A map showing the location of the proposed facilities is included with this Notice.

If this application is approved, McLean's will construct, own and operate the facilities, except for the Hydro One switching station. The scheduled in-service date is December 2012, and in any event no later than January 2013.

The Board has assigned File No. EB-2011-0394 to this application.

### **Board Jurisdiction**

For any leave to construct application under section 92 of the Act, section 96(2) of the Act provides that when determining if a proposed work is in the public interest, the Board jurisdiction is limited to consideration of:

- the interests of consumers with respect to prices and the reliability and quality of electricity service, and
- 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 Wind Farm itself is not part of this application, and does not fall within the scope of this proceeding. Environmental issues with respect to this project are considered through the separate Renewable Energy Approval ("REA") process, which is not a part of this Board proceeding.

### **How to see McLean's Mountain Wind LP's Application**

Copies of the application and the pre-filed evidence in support of the application will be available for public inspection at the Board's offices and at the Applicant's offices and website.

### **Written Hearing**

The Board intends to proceed with this matter 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 this matter, 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 service date of this notice.

## **How to Participate**

You may participate in this proceeding by requesting either intervenor or observer status, or by submitting a letter of comment:

1. **Intervenors** participate actively in the proceeding (i.e., submit written questions, evidence, and arguments, and cross-examine witnesses at an oral hearing). You may request intervenor status by sending a letter of intervention to the Board and copying McLean's Mountain Wind LP no later than **10 days** from the publication or service date of this notice. The letter of intervention must include:
  - a. A description of how you are, or may be, affected by the outcome of this proceeding;
  - b. If you represent a group, a description of the group and its membership; and
  - c. Whether you intend to seek an award of costs and the grounds for your cost award eligibility.
2. **Observers** do not participate actively in the proceeding but receive documents issued by the Board in the proceeding. (There is no fee for observers to receive documents issued by the Board.) You may request observer status by sending a request to the Board no later than **10 days** from the publication or service date of this notice.
3. **Letters of Comment** are to be sent to the Board no later than **30 days** from the publication or service date of this notice. All letters of comment will be placed on the public record, subject to the privacy terms for personal information stated below. This means that the letters will be available for viewing at the Board's offices and will be placed on the Board's website.

## **YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION IS TREATED DIFFERENTLY DEPENDING ON HOW YOU CHOOSE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING:**

- **Intervenors** - everything you file with the Board, including your name and contact information, will be placed on the public record (i.e., the public file and the Board's website).

- **Letters of comment or observers** - the Board removes any personal (i.e., not business) contact information from the letter of comment or the request for observer status (i.e., address, fax number, phone number, and e-mail address of the individual), however, your name and the content of the letter of comment or of the request for observer status will become part of the public record.

### **Filing Information for Intervenors**

If you already have a user ID, please submit your intervention request through the Board's web portal at <https://www.errr.ontarioenergyboard.ca>. Additionally, two paper copies must be submitted to the address set out below.

If you do not have a user ID, visit the Board's website under e-Filing Services and complete a user ID/password request form. For instructions on how to submit documents and naming conventions please refer to the RESS Document Guidelines found at <http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/OEB/Industry>, e-Filing Services.

The Board also accepts interventions by e-mail, at the address below. Additionally, two paper copies must be submitted to the address set out below. Those who do not have internet access are required to submit their intervention request on a CD in PDF format, along with two paper copies.

### **How to Contact Us**

In responding to this Notice, please reference Board file number EB-2011-0394 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.

### **Need more information?**

For more information on how to participate please click on "Get Involved" under the "OEB and You" menu on the Consumer page of the Board's website, or call the Board at 1-888-632-6273 (toll free).

**IMPORTANT**

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

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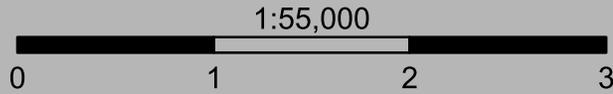
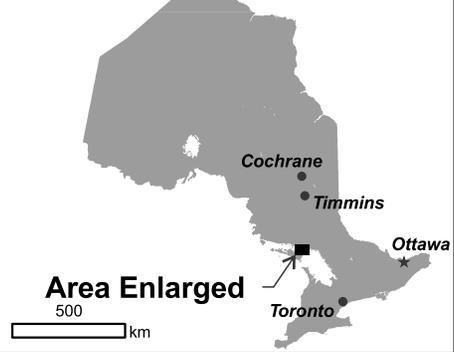
**DATED** at Toronto, December 19, 2011

**ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD**

*Original Signed By*

Kirsten Walli  
Board Secretary

**KEY MAP**



**Goat Island Switching Station**

*North Channel*

**Manitoulin Island**

*Sucker Creek*

*Tributary of North Channel*

*Tributary of Manitowaning Bay*

*Tributary of Manitowaning Bay*

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COLUMBAS MOUNTAIN RD

WILLIS RD

MORPHETS SIDE RD

MACLEANS MOUNTAIN RD

GREEN BUSH RD

BOZENECK RD

HARBOUR VIEW RD

WHITES POINT RD

**Proposed Transmission Line**

**McLean's Mountain Substation**

**McLean's Mountain Power Project**

**LEGEND**

- McLean's Mountain Substation
- Goat Island Switching Station
- Proposed Transmission Line
- Regional Primary Road
- Local Road
- Lake / Large River