

# ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE

## SP Belle River Wind LP has applied to the Ontario Energy Board to build a high-voltage transmission line and transmission facilities.

### Learn more.

SP Belle River Wind LP is asking the Ontario Energy Board for permission to construct approximately 7 kilometres of 230 kilovolt electricity transmission line and associated facilities in the Town of Lakeshore in the County of Essex, Ontario. The transmission line would connect SP Belle River Wind LP's 100 MW Belle River Wind project to the provincial power grid.

SP Belle River Wind LP is also asking the Ontario Energy Board to approve the form of four agreements it has offered to landowners to use their land for locating or constructing the proposed line.

A map of the proposed route for the transmission line is printed below.

SP Belle River Wind LP's application to the OEB concerns construction of the proposed transmission line only. It does not concern the construction or operation of the Belle River Wind project itself.

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. It will hold a public hearing to consider SP Belle River Wind LP's requests. During this hearing, the OEB will consider evidence and arguments by SP Belle River Wind LP and by individuals, municipalities and others whose interests would be affected.

The OEB hearing will consider specific issues determined by law.

The *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* specifies the issues the OEB is to consider in making its decision. If you wish to participate in the OEB hearing, it is important for you to understand what these three issues are:

- The interests of consumers with respect to prices and the reliability and quality of electricity service;
- The promotion of the use of renewable energy sources in a manner consistent with the policies of the Government of Ontario; and
- The form of agreement that **SP Belle River Wind LP** offers to landowners affected by the route or location of the transmission line.

The OEB hearing is not the only approval process required before a line and associated facilities are built. For example, most transmission lines and associated facilities are subject to the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change's Renewable Energy Approval process. The Board's review will only address the three factors outlined above and will not address other factors, such as, environmental, health, aesthetics or property value impacts.

### BE INFORMED

You have the right to information regarding SP Belle River Wind LP's application. You can read SP Belle River Wind LP's application on the OEB's website (See below under "Learn More").

### HAVE YOUR SAY

If you would be affected by the proposed transmission line, you may want to take a more active role in the hearing.

- You can send the OEB a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing.
- You can ask the OEB for permission to be an active participant in the hearing (an intervenor). Intervenors can provide evidence, argue their positions and submit relevant questions to be answered by SP Belle River Wind LP (interrogatories). To be an intervenor, a party must be affected by the transmission line in a way that relates directly to at least one of the issues the OEB will consider. If you wish to be an intervenor, the OEB must receive your request by **February 20, 2016**.

### LEARN MORE

To learn more about this hearing, find instructions on how to file letters or become an intervenor, or to read the documents related to this case, please select the file no. **EB-2016-0008** from the list on the OEB website: [www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/noticelctc](http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/noticelctc). You can also phone Michael Lesychyn at 1-888-632-6273 extension 632.

### ORAL AND WRITTEN HEARINGS

There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. SP Belle River Wind LP has applied for a written hearing. The OEB is considering this request. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **February 20, 2016**.

### PRIVACY

If you write a letter with your comments, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the OEB's public record and the OEB website. However, your personal telephone number, address and email address will be removed. If you are a business, all your information will be public. If you apply to become an intervenor, all your information will be public.

This application was filed under section 92 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998 S.O. 1998, c.15, Schedule B*.

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