Environment and Land Tribunals Ontario

Environmental Review Tribunal

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NOTICE TO ALL OWNERS OF NEARBY LANDS AND INTERESTED PARTIES:

Under Rules 130 and 131 of its Rules of Practice, the Environmental Review Tribunal directed the Approval Holder, Grand Renewable Wind LP / Grand Renewable Wind GP, and the Director, Ministry of the Environment, to give the attached Notice of Preliminary Hearing and Hearing at least 15 days before the date of the Preliminary Hearing on the following persons:

- 1. The Approval Holder was directed to serve the Notice to those persons to whom it gave notice during the consultation on the Renewable Energy Approval, as well as to those residents to whom it gave notice through a postal drop service.
- The Director was directed to serve the Notice to those persons who have given notice to the Director that they have an interest in the Renewable Energy Project. Enclosed is a Notice of Preliminary Hearing and Hearing for an appeal before the **Environmental Review Tribunal.**

You are being notified of the hearing because you are an owner of land near the approved renewable energy project or a person who may have an interest in the hearing. Owners of nearby lands and interested parties may seek the opportunity to participate at the hearing. You are not required to attend the hearing, but if you do wish to be involved, there are four ways in which you may do so. They are as follows:

- 1. You may attend the preliminary hearing/hearing and observe the proceedings, but not actively participate.
- 2. You may request the hearing panel to grant you presenter status. If granted presenter status, you will be able to provide your testimony under oath or solemn affirmation on a given day at the hearing, and be cross-examined by all parties. You may also file written material in addition to your oral presentation.
- 3. You may request that the Tribunal grant you participant status. If granted participant status, you will be able to provide your testimony under oath or solemn affirmation on a given day at the hearing, and be cross-examined by all parties. You may also file written material in addition to your oral presentation and make submissions at the beginning and end of the hearing.
- 4. You may request that the Tribunal grant you party status. If granted party status, you will be able to present evidence through witnesses, cross-examine witnesses and make submissions at the beginning and end of the hearing. Parties are often represented by legal counsel. Parties are expected to attend all hearing days. Parties are also subject to the Tribunal's costs rules.

Should you wish to participate in the preliminary hearing/hearing, you should immediately write, fax or email the Case Coordinator, Tracee Wessam, (tracee.wessam@ontario.ca) to indicate your intention by **August 3, 2012**. You should visit the Tribunal's website to obtain a copy of the Rules of Practice and Practice Directions of the Environmental Review Tribunal and the relevant Guide. The Tribunal's website is located at www.ert.gov.on.ca. If you do not have Internet access, a copy of the Rules of Practice and Practice Directions and the relevant Guide will be mailed upon request.

Yours truly,

Donna Symonds Deputy Registrar