

Notice of a Proposed Change to an Approved Renewable Energy Project

Project Name: Grand Bend Wind Farm **Renewable Energy Approval (REA) #:** 5186-9HBJXR

OPA Reference Number: FIT Contract #: F-002178-WIN-130-601

Project Location: North of Grand Bend, in the Municipalities of Bluewater and South Huron, in Huron County. Portions of the transmission system also traverse the Municipality of Huron East in the County of Huron and Municipality of West Perth, in the County of Perth (see map below).

Dated at: West Perth, South Huron, Bluewater and Huron East this the 5th of April, 2017.

Grand Bend Wind Limited Partnership, by its general partners Grand Bend Wind GP Inc., and with Northland Power Inc. as agent (hereafter referred to as "GBWLP"), was issued a Renewable Energy Approval on June 26, 2014 in respect of the Grand Bend Wind Farm (the "Project"). Information with respect to the decision on the Project can be viewed on the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change's Environmental Registry by searching 011-9928.

GBWLP is proposing to make a minor change to the project and the Project itself is subject to the provisions of the *Environmental Protection Act (Act)* Part V.0.1 and Ontario Regulation 359/09 (Regulation). This notice must be distributed in accordance with section 32.2 of the Regulation. This notice is being distributed to make the public aware of a proposed change to the Project.

Project Description and Proposed Change: Pursuant to the Act and Regulation, the project in respect of which the Renewable Energy Approval was issued, is a Class 4 Wind Facility.

An application will be submitted to the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change to change the Project and alter the terms and conditions of the existing Renewable Energy Approval to accommodate a minor change. The proposed change consists of the addition of three new air-cooled capacitance reactors and associated electrical equipment at the transformer substation, including a slight increase in the size of the substation to accommodate the new equipment. The reactors are required to enhance operability of the Project and to comply with impending changes to system protection/controls, as required by the electricity grid operator.

The Project's wind turbines and all other areas of the project location will remain unaffected by the proposed change. The Project's total nameplate capacity (100 MW) is not altered by this request. The project location is illustrated in the map below and is likewise unchanged by this request.

Documents for Public Inspection:

GBWLP has been required to update the supporting documents that are required to form part of the application or which must otherwise be submitted to the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change and be made available to the public. Written copies of the supporting documents will be made available for public inspection on April 12, 2017 on the Grand Bend Wind Farm Project website: <http://grandbend.northlandpower.ca/index.cfm?pagepath=Reports&id=35972>.

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