

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING

Gosfield Comber Wind Energy Project

Brookfield Power is one of the lowest cost producers of electricity in North America, with a generating capacity of over 3,400 megawatts ("MW"). As part of the Government of Ontario's initiative to develop renewable electricity in the province, Brookfield Power is proposing to develop the Gosfield Comber Wind Energy Project in the County of Essex, Ontario (see map). This notice is being provided as an update to the Notice of Commencement for this project that was originally issued on October 16, 2003.

The proposed project will generate approximately 200 MW of renewable energy and will also include electrical collection lines and other ancillary facilities such as turbine access roads. The study area for the project is approximately 42,500 acres in size. The land area required for the project's infrastructure will be approximately 200 to 400 acres.

To assist with the environmental and planning aspects of the Gosfield Comber Wind Energy Project, Brookfield Power has retained Stantec Consulting Ltd. ("Stantec") to prepare an Environment Screening Report ("ESR") as required under Ontario Regulation 116/01 of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. The ESR is being completed as required for a Category B project under the Ministry of the Environment's Environmental Screening Process for electricity projects, as outlined in their "Guide to Environmental Assessment Requirements for Electricity Projects (March, 2001)." Brookfield Power and Stantec will also work with federal authorities to determine any requirements for federal permits or approvals under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*.

Stantec is compiling an environmental features inventory in the study area in order to prepare the ESR, which will be made available to stakeholders for review and comment. In the interim, in order to ensure that the appropriate environmental protection measures are incorporated into the project design, your input and questions are encouraged.

For more information about the project, please visit us at the project website:

www.gosfieldcomberwind.com

For further information about the Gosfield Wind Energy Project call Stantec collect at (519) 836-6050. Comments can be emailed to: comments@gosfieldcomberwind.com or mailed to:

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Brookfield Power will make additional information available as the project progresses. At this time, it is intended that information will be distributed through the project website and in local papers.

Information will be collected and used in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, and solely for the purpose of assisting Brookfield Power in meeting environmental assessment and local planning requirements. This material will be maintained on file for use during the study and may be included in project documentation. With the exception of personal information all comments will become part of the public record.

