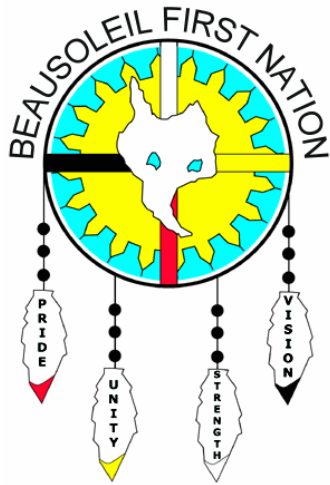




Christian Island Wind Park Christian Island IR 30 and the Township of Tiny and Township of Tay, Ontario

Project Profile



Ventus Energy Inc. and Beausoleil First Nation, in partnership, are proposing a wind generation facility of approximately 75 MW on Christian Island IR 30, with an electrical feeder line running through the Townships of Tiny and the Township of Tay. The proposed facility will consist of up to 50 wind turbine generators situated on Christian Island and connecting to the electrical grid via unburied submarine line running from Christian Island to the mainland in the Township of Tiny, and then by two overhead lines running side-by-side, extending from the Cedar Point area to Waubaushene in the Township of Tay. The lines will connect to the Waubaushene Transformer Station. The project area under consideration for the wind turbine placement is the full area of Christian Island, while that for the interconnection facilities is specific to the anticipated power line routing, as shown on the map below.

The turbines under consideration for the project include models of between 1.5 and 2 MW manufactured by Vestas, GE and Enercon. A Connection Impact Assessment has been completed by the Independent Electrical System Operator based on the anticipated capacity of the project.

The project is subject to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act and in part to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment's Environmental Screening Process for electricity projects. These Acts require Ventus Energy Inc. and the Beausoleil First Nation (as proponents) to undertake a Screening of the project, which involves the assessment of the potential impact of the proposed facilities on the bio-physical and socio-economic environment during its construction, operation and decommissioning. Environmental Assessment activities for the Christian Island Wind Park have already begun.

Located in southern Georgian Bay, Christian Island is largely uninhabited and receives some of the highest winds in Ontario. Expansion opportunities exist on neighbouring islands which receive similar winds. The First Nation's community is very supportive of the Wind Park and the economic opportunities it can bring. Public consultation will be an integral component of this study, and the proponents will respond to issues raised by stakeholders and the general public. Public and regulatory consultation will be conducted on an on-going basis to provide input on various components of the study. An Open House is planned for the fall of 2005.

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