

November 15, 2023

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Attention Hamilton City Council and Planning Department:

I am contacting you on behalf of wpd Canada, a renewable energy company based out of Mississauga, Ontario. The reason for my correspondence today is to inform you that wpd along with our development partner Prologis Inc, are proposing a new Battery Electric Storage System (BESS) within the Town of Ancaster.

The Independent Electrical System Operator (IESO) has requested proposals for new electrical capacity as part of the Procurement for Long-Term Electricity Reliability Services (LT1). In response to this request, wpd Canada is proposing to build a new BESS facility near the intersection of Garner Rd. and Shaver Rd. near the transmission corridor.

Who We Are:

Headquartered in Bremen, Germany, the wpd Group has been actively developing renewable energy projects around the world for over 25 years. wpd is currently active in 29 countries and is one of the largest renewable energy companies in Europe. The wpd group oversees all parts of the energy development cycle, including prospecting, financing, permitting, construction, and operations. We have become one of the global leaders in renewable development. Our office at wpd Canada, has been active in the Ontario market since 2008 and has recently expanded wind, solar and storage development to other Provinces.

Prologis Energy LLC is a subsidiary of Prologis Inc. (NYSE: PLD), a real estate investment trust listed publicly. As the world's largest owner and operator of logistics real-estate, Prologis manages over one billion square feet of warehouse space across 19 countries, with a significant presence in the Greater Toronto area where it operates several industrial properties and warehouses. Prologis also owns and operates solar and BESS facilities at its properties with 500 MW of installed energy.

Consultation:

We will be conducting an initial public meeting on November 30th, 2023 at Mohawk College. Notices will be sent to residents abutting the Project Area and will be posted on our website and with the Municipality. We will be discussing some preliminary details about our proposed Project along with details about the procurement and approval process. Details from this meeting will be included in our bid submission this December.

Next Steps:

We wish to emphasize that this is just the first step in community and Municipal engagement and as part of the that engagement we will be required to seek Municipal approval for the project. In addition, a successful bid will also require wpd Canada to conduct an Environmental Assessment as a condition of the contract. It is expected that the IESO will award LT1 contracts by Spring, 2024.

We would be happy to meet with Municipal officials prior to the November community meeting or at another time that is suitable for both parties to discuss further any questions we can answer on the details of the proposal. Thank you for your time and please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan Clifford". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jonathan Clifford
Business Development Manager