

Brookfield Renewable Reports Strong Q2 2013 Results

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August 8, 2013 – Brookfield Renewable Energy Partners L.P. (TSX: BEP.UN; NYSE: BEP) (“**Brookfield Renewable**”) today announced significantly improved results for the three and six months ended June 30, 2013.

“We are very pleased with our results for the second quarter and first half of the year,” said Richard Legault, President and CEO of Brookfield Renewable. “Recent acquisitions have met or exceeded expectations and contributed meaningfully to improved generation and cash flows. Moreover, we continue to be very well positioned for growth, with significant upside tied to a strengthening U.S. economy and ultimately, rising energy prices. The current investment environment complements our unique strengths as a renewable energy company and is expected to further support attractive total returns to shareholders over time.”

Financial Results

Unaudited, US\$ millions (except per unit amounts)	Three months ended June 30		Six months ended June 30	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
Generation (GWh)				
- Total	6,265	4,101	11,800	8,918
- Brookfield Renewable's share	5,403	3,638	10,037	8,091
Revenues	\$ 484	\$ 337	\$ 921	\$ 763
Adjusted EBITDA ⁽¹⁾	\$ 357	\$ 221	\$ 676	\$ 539
Funds from operations (FFO) ⁽¹⁾	\$ 187	\$ 87	\$ 349	\$ 262
FFO per unit ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	\$ 0.71	\$ 0.33	\$ 1.32	\$ 0.99

(1) None-IFRS measure. Refer to "Cautionary Statement Regarding Use of Non-IFRS Measures".

(2) Weighted average LP units, redeemable/exchangeable partnership units held by Brookfield Asset Management and general partnership units totaled 265.2 million.

Review of Operations

Total generation was 6,265 GWh for the three months ended June 30, 2013 compared to the long-term average of 6,171 GWh and to 4,101 GWh for the same period in the prior year. Hydroelectric generation was 1,948 GWh higher than the prior year reflecting new assets which performed strongly and contributed 994 GWh to generation, and a return to long-term average generation in the current quarter relative to the very dry conditions in the same period last year. Reservoir levels on a portfolio basis are in line with long-term average conditions for this time of year.

Generation from wind totaled 737 GWh and was essentially in line with the long-term average. Wind generation increased by 270 GWh year-over-year, reflecting improved wind conditions as well as the acquisition of wind facilities in California.

For the second quarter, Adjusted EBITDA was \$357 million as compared to \$221 million in Q2 2012, and assets acquired in the last year contributed \$45 million. Funds from operations of \$187 million or \$0.71 per unit was in line with plan as compared with \$87 million or \$0.33 per unit in the prior year.

For the first half of 2013, funds from operations of \$349 million or \$1.32 per unit was in line with plan as compared with \$262 million or \$0.99 per unit in the first six months of 2012.

The tables below summarize generation by segment and region:

For the three months ended June 30	Generation (GWh)			Variance of Results	
	Actual 2013	Actual 2012	LTA 2013	Actual vs. LTA	Actual vs. Prior Year
Hydroelectric generation					
United States	2,942	1,619	2,829	113	1,323
Canada	1,519	986	1,461	58	533
Brazil ⁽¹⁾	903	811	903	-	92

	5,364	3,416	5,193	171	1,948
Wind Energy					
United States	459	221	468	(9)	238
Canada	278	246	292	(14)	32
	737	467	760	(23)	270
Other	164	218	218	(54)	(54)
Total generation ⁽²⁾	6,265	4,101	6,171	94	2,164

(1) In Brazil, assured generation levels are used as a proxy for long-term average.

(2) Includes 100% of generation from equity-accounted investments.

For the six months ended June 30	Generation (GWh)			Variance of Results	
	Actual 2013	Actual 2012	LTA 2013	Actual vs. LTA	Actual vs. Prior Year
Hydroelectric generation					
United States	5,503	3,577	5,218	285	1,926
Canada	2,801	2,294	2,657	144	507
Brazil ⁽¹⁾	1,839	1,678	1,839	-	161
	10,143	7,549	9,714	429	2,594
Wind Energy					
United States	675	311	726	(51)	364
Canada	601	614	616	(15)	(13)
	1,276	925	1,342	(66)	351
Other	381	444	440	(59)	(63)
Total generation ⁽²⁾	11,800	8,918	11,496	304	2,882

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Quarterly Highlights

Achievements in the second quarter include:

- Completed the acquisition and integration of Western Wind Energy Corp., expanding Brookfield Renewable's operating wind portfolio in the attractive California market to 430 MW.
- Successfully integrated the 360 MW White Pine hydroelectric portfolio in Maine, providing meaningful upside potential from rising energy prices.
- Enhanced liquidity by \$300 million to approximately \$1 billion as at the date of this release, reflecting an increase to the corporate credit facility to approximately \$1.3 billion, strong operating cash flows and the proceeds of the preferred share issuance in May 2013.
- Advanced construction of the 45 MW Kokish River hydro project in western Canada which is progressing as planned and is on track for completion in mid-2014.
- Achieved a listing of shares on the New York Stock Exchange on June 11, 2013, under the symbol BEP, which is expected to enhance Brookfield Renewable's long-term access to capital globally.

Distribution Declaration

The Board of Directors has declared a quarterly distribution in the amount of US\$0.3625 per unit, payable on October 31, 2013 to unitholders of record as at the close of business on September 30, 2013. This distribution is consistent with Brookfield Renewable's policy of targeting a long-term, sustainable distribution in the range of 60-70% of FFO and which increases on average by 3% to 5% annually.

The regular quarterly dividends on the Brookfield Renewable Power Preferred Equity Inc. preferred shares have also been declared.

Information on Brookfield Renewable's distributions and preferred share dividends can be found on its website at www.brookfieldrenewable.com under Investor Relations.

Distribution Reinvestment Plan

Brookfield Renewable maintains a Distribution Reinvestment Plan ("DRIP") which allows holders of its limited partnership units who are resident in Canada to acquire additional units by reinvesting all or a portion of their cash distributions without paying commissions. Information on the DRIP, including details on how to enroll, is available on Brookfield Renewable's website at www.brookfieldrenewable.com/DRIP.

Additional Information

The Letter to Shareholders and the Supplemental Results for the period ended June 30, 2013 contain further information on Brookfield Renewable's strategy, operations and financial results. Shareholders are encouraged to read these documents, which are available at www.brookfieldrenewable.com.

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Brookfield Renewable Energy Partners (TSX: BEP.UN; NYSE: BEP) operates one of the largest publicly-traded, pure-play renewable power platforms globally. Its portfolio is primarily hydroelectric and totals approximately 5,900 megawatts of installed capacity. Diversified across 70 river systems and 12 power markets in the United States, Canada and Brazil, the portfolio's output is sold predominantly under long-term contracts and generates enough electricity from renewable resources to power more than three million homes on average each year. With a portfolio of high-quality assets and strong growth prospects, the business is positioned to generate stable, long-term cash flows supporting regular and growing cash distributions to shareholders. For more information, please visit www.brookfieldrenewable.com.

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