

Meeting Record



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Liaison Committee – Meeting #8 (conference call)

Amherst Island Wind Energy Project

Date: Monday, November 11, 2013
Place: Conference call
Time: 5:00 pm to 5:30 p.m.
Next Meeting: To be determined
Attendees: Nancy Pearson, Tom Sylvester, and Zander Dunn (Members)
Sean Fairfield (Algonquin Power)
Alex Tsopelas (Algonquin Power)
Kerrie Skillen (Stantec)

Discussion Item	Action
1. Confirm agenda	None
2. Status update on project Renewable Energy Approval (REA) process <ul style="list-style-type: none">As mentioned during last communications with the PLC members, the REA application was received by the MoE on April 18, 2013.The MoE is still undertaking their administrative completeness review. Algonquin Power has been communicating with the MoE and answering questions.When the MoE administrative completeness process is complete the MoE will notify the Algonquin Power. The notification will be posted on the project web site (Environmental Bill of Rights (EBR) web site) and then the public review period will commence. The MoE will require the developer to post the final REA technical documentation to the project web site.	<p>1. Algonquin will email members when the EBR posting has been completed.</p> <p>Note: the MOE Environmental Registry is an online registry. The website is www.ebr.gov.on.ca</p>
3. Status update on project Renewable Energy Approval (REA) process <ul style="list-style-type: none">Species at Risk Report and Application was prepared and submitted to the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR).The ESA permit discussions with the MNR pertain specifically with three bird species (bobolink, whip-poor-will & eastern meadowlark). The MNR posted the project ESA information to the MoE EBR web site and received public comments.	<p>1. Question – how are the three bird species ranked in the Endangered Species Act listing. Note: these species are listed as Threatened on the Species at Risk in Ontario List.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algonquin has been communicating with the MNR about the draft ESA permit. This process is on-going and comments have been provided to the agency regarding draft information regarding the authorization and process. Uncertain on actual MNR timing on the finalizing of the permit. Question – will an ESA permit for Blanding's Turtle be required by the MNR. Answer - The agency has indicated that this permit is not required for this species. 	
<p>4. Regulatory process next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algonquin indicated again that the Renewable Energy Approval and the ESA permit are not the only government authorizations for the project. Other authorizations will be required (to name a few - i.e. Land Tenure for dock and submarine cable, Ministry of Transportation encroachment permits, Conservation Authority Permits, Navigable Waters (Department of Fisheries and Oceans), Aeronautical Clearance (Transport Canada) 	None
<p>5. Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prior to the PLC teleconference, Janet submitted her resignation from the PLC November 11, prior to the PLC teleconference. Algonquin thanked her for her participation and inquired if she knew of anyone she would recommend who would be willing to sit on the PLC. 	None

The conference call adjourned at approximately 5:30 pm.

The foregoing is considered to be a true and accurate record of all items discussed. If any discrepancies or inconsistencies are noted, please contact the writer immediately.

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Sean Fairfield
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 Algonquin Power Co. (on behalf of Windlectric Inc.)