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1.0 Introduction

1.1 BACKGROUND

Windlectric Inc. (the Proponent or Windlectric) submitted a Renewable Energy Approval (REA) Application on April 18, 2013 to develop, construct and operate the Amherst Island Wind Energy Project (the Project) within Loyalist Township (the Township) in the County of Lennox and Addington (the County) in eastern Ontario, in response to the Government of Ontario's initiative to promote the development of renewable electricity in the province. Since submission of the REA, Windlectric submitted three REA amendment modification reports (dated June 2014, July 2014, and March 2015) as a result of reviewing design features of the layout, feedback received from the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC), and to clarify that the temporary batch plant is part of the REA application.

The basic components of the proposed Project, as set out in the REA application (submitted April 18, 2013), include up to 36 Siemens wind turbines, with a total installed nameplate capacity of approximately 56 - 75 MW, depending on final selection of the model of the wind turbine most appropriate to the proposed Project.

The proposed Project will also include a 34.5 kilovolt (kV) underground and/or overhead electrical power line collector system, fibre optic data lines from each turbine and/or wireless technology for the communication of data, a transmission line, truck turnaround areas, a submarine cable, an operations and maintenance building, permanent dock, a substation, a switching station, an un-serviced storage shed, one connection point to the existing electrical system, cable vault areas, meteorological tower(s) (met tower(s)), access road(s) to the met tower site(s), and turbine access roads with culvert installations, as required, at associated watercourse crossings.

Temporary components during construction may include staging areas for the turbines, access roads, met tower(s), collector lines and transmission line as well as crane paths, a temporary dock, site office(s), batch plant, central staging areas, and associated watercourse crossings. The electrical power line collector system would transport the electricity generated from each turbine to the substation, along the submarine cable to the mainland and then to a switching station located near to an existing Hydro One Networks Inc. (HONI) 115 kV transmission line.

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This report and its attachments provide information regarding the minor modifications. Based on the information set out below, the minor modifications are Technical and Project Design Changes pursuant to the classification system outlined in the Ministry of the Environment's *Technical Guide to Renewable Energy Approvals* (October, 2013). As such, this document has been prepared to address the requirements of Chapter 10 "Making Changes to REA Projects" of the Technical Guide.

1.2 SUMMARY AND RATIONALE FOR MINOR MODIFICATIONS

1.2.1 Change #1 – Technical Change

This modification involves changing the Project's turbines from a combination of 21 Siemens SWT-2.3-113 2.300 MW and 15 Siemens SWT-2.3-113 2.221 MW to a combination of 12 Siemens SWT-3.2-113 2.942 MW and 15 Siemens SWT-3.2-113 2.772 MW, and thereby reducing the number of turbines from up to 36 to 27, of which 26 will be installed. This modification is proposed as a result of reviewing design features of the project layout in an effort to reduce the Project's footprint.

The new turbines would be physically identical to the previous proposed model, specifically with a hub height of 99.5 m and rotor diameter of 113 m. The modification will decrease the Project Location area by reducing the number of turbine sites from up to 36 to 27. All of these 27 turbine sites are in previously studied and proposed locations.

The locations of the removed and remaining turbine sites are presented in the attached figures (Appendix A) and discussed in the following sections.

The construction and installation activities for the turbines will be completed in the same manner as the turbines described in the Construction Plan Report, submitted as part of the REA Application.

1.2.2 Change #2 – Project Design Change

This modification would involve rerouting the collection system to avoid the Village of Stella. In doing so, this modification would remove a significant portion of the collector line that would otherwise run along Front Road from Turbine S30 entrance west and along Stella Forty Foot Rd south. The modification would also remove approximately 4 km of road allowance trenching (including through Stella). The modification would require a new collector line from Turbine S13 to South Shore Rd. and west to Turbine S14 entrance, which would consist of approximately 1 km in municipal road allowance and 700 m of in pasture field. This modification is proposed as a result of reviewing design features of the project layout in an effort to reduce the Project's footprint and to minimize any potential impact to the Village of Stella.

The modification will decrease the Project Location size by resulting in a net reduction of approximately 2 km of collection system trenching.

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The revised location for the collector line is presented in the attached figures (Appendix A) and discussed in the sections below.

The construction and installation activities for the collector line will be completed in the same manner as the collector line which is described in the Construction Plan Report, submitted as part of the REA Application.

1.2.3 Change #3 – Technical Change

This modification would involve the addition of an underground collector line along a previously proposed access road between Turbines S16/S23 and S35. The collector line has been incorporated into the design of the access road between Turbines S16/23 and S35. This modification is proposed as a result of reviewing design features of the project layout in an effort to reduce the Project footprint.

The modification will decrease the Project Location size by eliminating the need to install a second collection circuit trench on approximately 3 km of 2nd Concession Road.

The location for the collector line is presented in the attached figures (Appendix A) and discussed in the following sections below.

The construction and installation activities for the collector line will be completed in the same manner described in the Construction Plan Report, submitted as part of the REA Application.

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2.0 Results of Effects Assessment for the Project Modification

O. Reg. 359/09 requires that any adverse environmental effects that may result from construction, installation, operation and maintenance activities be described. The term “environment” in O. Reg. 359/09 has the same meaning as in the *Environmental Protection Act*, and includes the natural, physical, cultural, and socio-economic environment.

A screening to identify any new environmental effects that would require additional mitigation or monitoring measures beyond those outlined in the REA documents as a result of the proposed modifications to the Project was completed.

In summary, none of the three proposed minor modifications described above will result in increased negative environmental effects that will or are likely to occur beyond those originally identified, documented and consulted on during the REA process for the original project.

2.1 IMPACTS ON STUDIES/ REA REPORTS

The REA reports require a material change to the content as a result of the modifications. A summary of the sections and figures to be amended in each REA report and the applicable text change is provided in the table below.

2.1.1 Heritage Assessment

The Project Location associated with Change #1 and 3 was previously assessed as part of the Heritage Assessment that was submitted as part of the original REA Application and was subsequently accepted by the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) in their Confirmation Letter. As such, no additional Heritage Assessment was required for Change #1, and 3.

Additional assessment to determine the presence of potential heritage resources was necessary for Change #2.

Impact assessments contained within the Heritage Assessment were determined to remain valid for all properties excluding BHR 3, 7, 18, 20, and 21. While in some cases the assessment addressed turbines which are no longer proposed or residences that no longer exist (i.e. BHR 24, 5330 Bath Road), it is only in the case of 2450 South Shore Road (BHR 3) where new infrastructure is proposed near the location that had not been previously assessed. Therefore, an impact assessment was undertaken in addition to the assessment completed as part of the Heritage Assessment.

It was determined that, given the vicinity of the resource to the newly proposed collector lines positioned underground within the municipal right of way, there will be no direct Project related

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negative impacts expected. However, there is the potential for indirect impacts resulting from construction vibrations. With the identification of a new potential indirect impact resulting from proposed Project modifications, mitigation measures have been developed (as described below) so that no negative impacts are expected.

The potential for indirect impacts resulting from construction vibrations was identified during an impact assessment of 2450 South Shore Road (BHR 3). The impact was similar to that identified for BHRs 4, 5, 6, 19, 20, and 21 in the 2013 Heritage Assessment. Given the similarity in distance anticipated between the construction area and the resource, it was determined that mitigation recommendations contained within the Report would be appropriate. Therefore, Project activities should first be avoided within a 50 metre bufferzone surrounding the residence if possible. Where this activity cannot be avoided, maximum acceptable vibration levels should be determined and monitored. If these levels are exceeded, all Project activities taking place within the 50 metre bufferzone should cease until a solution can be determined.

It was determined that the recommendations contained within the Heritage Assessment should be modified to reflect areas where additional assessment was undertaken as well as those where recommendations are no longer valid. See Appendix E for correspondence with the MTCS, including the additional assessment undertaken and associated recommendations.

2.1.2 Protected Properties Assessment

The Project Location associated with Change #1 and 3 was previously assessed as part of the Protected Properties Assessment that was submitted as part of the original REA Application and was subsequently accepted by the MTCS in their Confirmation Letter. As such, no additional Protected Properties Assessment was required for Change #1, and 3. Additional assessment to determine the relationship between previously identified protected properties and Change #2 is necessary along South Shore Road in between Turbines S13 and S14.

Upon review of the Protected Properties Assessment, it was determined that no additional assessment is required. The recommendations contained within the Report address potential impacts that are no longer anticipated as a result of the removal of Project infrastructure for Change #2. The recommendations as they exist in the 2013 Report address all designated properties at the time of the writing of the Report and not just those situated at, or abutting, the Project Location. As such, the recommendations remain valid and are considered to satisfy requirements made under *Ontario Regulation 359/09*.

Based on these findings, it was determined that the analysis, assessment, and recommendations of the Protected Properties Assessment remain unchanged as a result of the proposed project modification.

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2.1.3 Natural Heritage Assessment (NHA) and Environmental Impact Study (EIS)

The NHA/EIS (included in the REA Application) identified natural features within the Project Location and the associated 120 m Zone of Investigation around the limits of the Project Location

A technical review was conducted to determine if the modifications result in: a change to the identification of natural features within 120 m of the new Project Location; a change to the assessment of impacts and mitigation measures; and the overall assessment of changes to the NHA/EIS.

The Project Location associated with Change #1 and 3 was previously assessed as part of the NHA/EIS that was submitted as part of the original REA Application and was subsequently accepted by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) in their Confirmation Letter dated December 14, 2012. As such, no additional NHA/EIS was required for Change #1, and 3. Change #2 does not result in discussion of any natural features being removed from the NHA/EIS. In addition, the modification results in only one new feature being within 120 m of the Project Location – namely, a woodland feature is located within 120 m of the new underground collector line running along South Shore Road. This feature was identified in the mapping in the December 2012 NHA/EIS but was not located within the Zone of Investigation at that time.

Specifically, for Change #2, site investigations had previously been completed at the location along South Shore Road and up to S13. As a result, additional site visits were not required to determine the status and boundary of natural features. Natural features that occur in or within 120 m of the revised Project Location are already identified on the maps provided within the NHA/EIS.

As mentioned above, other candidate significant natural heritage features that occur within 120 m of the new section of underground collector line were previously identified in the December 2012 NHA/EIS. The evaluation of significance of these features in the December 2012 NHA does not change as a result of the Project modifications.

Minor changes to the EIS are required to address the new woodland feature 22, changes in Project distance to SSB-4 and temporary removal of habitat in RWA-6 and OCB-7. Existing mitigation, monitoring and contingency measures remain applicable to ensure there will be no residual negative effects associated with such temporary removal.

Overall, the Project modification will result in minor changes to the NHA/EIS, including addition of significant woodland feature 22 and revised distance calculations to significant wildlife habitat feature SSB4 and temporary removal of habitat in RWA-6 and OCB-7. No changes to impacts, mitigation, monitoring or contingency of impacts to woodlands are required. No additional potential impacts are anticipated to feature SSB4.

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It was concluded that overall, the modifications will not result in new negative effects not previously identified and mitigated in the NHA/EIS.

Further, the proposed modifications do not require any additions to the Environmental Effects Monitoring Plan (EEMP) as submitted with the REA Application.

2.1.4 Water Assessment and Water Body Report (WAWBR)

The WAWBR (included in the REA application) identified water bodies within the Project Location and the associated 120 m Zone of Investigation around the limits of the Project Location.

A technical review was conducted to determine if the modifications result in: a change to the identification of water bodies within 120 m of the new Project Location; a change to the assessment of impacts and mitigation measures; and the overall assessment of changes to the Water Assessment and Water Body Report (WAWBR).

The Project Location associated with Change #1 and 3 was previously assessed as part of the WAWBR that was submitted as part of the original REA application. As such, no additional assessment was required for Change #1 and 3. Change #2 results in the removal of three waterbodies from the WAWBR. In addition, Change #2 results in no new features being within 120 m of the Project Location. A water feature is located within 120 m of the new underground collector line running along South Shore Road. This feature was identified in the mapping in the December 2012 WAWBR and was located within the Zone of Investigation at that time.

Specifically, for Change #2, site investigations had previously been completed at the location along South Shore Road and up to Turbine S13. As a result, additional site visits were not required to determine the status and boundary of water bodies. Water bodies that occur in or within 120 m of the revised Project Location are already identified on the maps provided within the WAWBR.

As mentioned above, other waterbodies that occur within 120 m of the new section of underground collector line were previously identified in the December 2012 WAWBR. The evaluation of water bodies in the December 2012 WAWBR does not change as a result of the Project modifications.

No new water body features were identified as a result of the new Project Location (aside from those previously assessed).

Standard mitigation measures previously identified in the WAWBR still apply for the new collector line locations.

The modified Project Location will result in minor changes to the following tables in the WAWBR:

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- **Table 3.1** Summary of mapped watercourses/waterbodies (LIO) in the Zone of Investigation and criteria for REA water bodies
- **Table 3.2** Summary Table of Water Bodies and Project Components
- **Table 4.2** Summary of Water Bodies Within the 120 m Zone of Investigation, and
- **Table 4.3** Water Bodies that provide fish habitat where in-water work is required.

The revised tables are included in Appendix B. The sections below provide a summary of the changes and the resulting alterations to the WAWBR as a result of Changes #1 through #3.

It was concluded that the modifications will not result in potential effects not previously identified and mitigated in the WAWBR.

Change #1

This modification will result in a reduction of two crossings of waterbodies by collector lines within the Western Drainage Subwatershed:

- Waterbodies at Station 6 and Station 25 will not be crossed by collector lines due the removal of Turbines S17 and S10 from the Project layout.

Change #2

This modification will result in no modified waterbody crossings by collector lines within the Southern, Western or Eastern Drainage Subwatersheds.

This modification will result in a reduction of three crossings of waterbodies by underground collector lines in the Northern Drainage subwatershed:

- Waterbodies at Stations 55, 57 and 21 will not be crossed by collector lines due to the rerouting of the collection system to avoid the Village of Stella.

Change #3

This modification will result in no modified waterbody crossings by collector lines in the Project Location.

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2.1.5 Stage II Archaeological Assessment

The Project Location associated with Change #1 and 3 was previously assessed as part of the Stage II Archaeological Assessment that was submitted as part of the original REA Application and was subsequently accepted by the MTCS in their Confirmation Letter dated March 13, 2013. As such, no additional Stage II Archaeological Assessment was required for Change #1 and 3.

The Project Location associated with Change #2 was not previously assessed as part of the Stage II Archaeological Assessment that was submitted as part of the original REA Application. As such, additional Stage II Archaeological Assessment was completed for Change #2. It was concluded that the Stage II Archaeological Assessment resulted in the identification of no archaeological resources, and therefore it is recommended that no further archaeological assessment of the study area is required.

2.1.6 Noise Impact Assessment

The Noise Assessment Report was updated to consider the reduction in number of turbine locations, updated sound levels for the two different turbine models and removal of those receptors no longer within 1,500 m of a turbine location. The predicted sound level at all receptors; participating and non-participating, was calculated to be lower as a result of the modification. See Appendix F for the revised Noise Assessment Report. Additionally, the Amherst Island Public School is now more than 1,500 m from the nearest turbine and is therefore no longer included in the noise assessment report as required by the guidelines. However, the sound level results for the school are provided below.

Noise Receptor ID	Description	UTM NAD 83, Zone 18		Nearest Source Distance [m]			Sound Pressure [dBA]						Limit
				WTG		Sub-station	POR at 4.5 m			POR at 1.5 within 30 m			
		X	Y	Distance	ID	Distance	Substation	WTGs	Total	Substation	WTGs	Total	
R557	School	363796	4892015	1756	S31	1060	32.0	31.6	34.8	29.9	30.2	33.0	40.0

2.1.7 Summary of Impacts/Changes to REA Reports and Studies

The proposed modifications will not result in an increase in the negative environmental effects that will or are likely to occur beyond those that were identified, documented and consulted on during the REA process for the original layout. In fact, the proposed modifications will reduce potential effects associated with the Project, especially given the substantial reduction in the number of turbines and the net reduction in length of and temporary disturbance associated with the collector lines.

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The following table provides a list of the REA reports and studies that were reviewed by the MOECC, and notes whether changes to the reports are required due to the modifications proposed. As well, an outline of the specific changes or the justification for no change being required is provided. Any changes to the reports have been addressed by issuance of this Modification Report and its appendices.

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REA Reports & Studies	Change (Yes/No)	Figure No.	Discussion of change / Justification for 'no' change
REA REPORTS			
Project Description Report	Yes	1.0, 1.2, 2.0, 2.2 3.0, 3.2 4.0, 4.2. 4.4, 4.4. 4.5 5, 6	<p>Figures to be updated to remove those turbine locations which will not be constructed and the associated infrastructure, the new collector line between Turbines S16/S23 and S35; and the new location of the collector line from Turbine S13 South Shore Rd. and west to Turbine S14 entrance. (Change#1, 2, and 3)</p> <p>Section 1.1: amend text to the reduced number of turbine sites (27) and updated combination of turbines.</p> <p>Section 3.1: amend text to the revised 27 turbine sites and combination of Siemens turbines.</p>
Construction Plan Report	Yes	1.0, 1.2, 2.0, 2.2 3.0, 3.2 4.0, 4.2. 4.4, 4.4. 4.5	<p>Figures to be updated to remove those turbine locations which will not be constructed and the associated infrastructure, the new collector line between Turbines S16/S23 and S35; and the new location of the collector line from Turbine S13 South Shore Rd. and west to Turbine S14 entrance. (Change#1, 2, and 3)</p> <p>Section 1.1: amend text to the reduced number of turbine sites (27) and updated combination of turbines.</p>
Design & Operations Report	Yes	1.0, 1.2, 2.0, 2.2 3.0, 3.2 4.0, 4.2. 4.4, 4.4. 4.5	<p>Figures to be updated to remove those turbine locations which will not be constructed and the associated infrastructure, the new collector line between Turbines S16/S23 and S35; and the new location of the collector line from Turbine S13 South Shore Rd. and west to Turbine S14 entrance. (Change#1, 2, and 3)</p> <p>Section 1.1: amend text to the reduced number of turbine sites (27) and updated combination of turbines.</p>
Decommissioning Plan Report	Yes	n/a	<p>There are no figures within the Decommissioning Plan Report; therefore no changes required.</p> <p>Section 1.1: amend text to the reduced number of turbine sites (27) and updated combination of turbines.</p>

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Consultation Report	Yes	n/a	Consultation with government representatives have been undertaken for the proposed modifications to the Project, and the mechanism to update the project documents is described in Section 3 of this Modification Document.
ADDITIONAL REPORTS			
Natural Heritage Assessment Report	Yes	1A, 1B 2.0, , 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5 3.0, , 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 2.5 4.0, , 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5 5.0, , 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5 6.0, , 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.5	<p>Figures to be updated to remove those turbine locations which will not be constructed and the associated infrastructure, the new collector line between Turbines S16/S23 and S35; and the new location of the collector line from Turbine S13 South Shore Rd. and west to Turbine S14 entrance. (Change#1, 2, and 3)</p> <p>Executive Summary and Section 1.1: amend text to the reduced number of turbine sites (27) and updated combination of Siemens turbines.</p> <p>Table 3.9: update to include Woodland 22 and the distance calculation to candidate wildlife habitat feature SSB4.</p> <p>Section 4.2.2: amend text to indicate 16 significant woodlands occur within 120 m of the Project Location, which includes the new woodland feature 22.</p> <p>Table 4.8: update to include Significant Woodland 22 and the distance calculation to significant wildlife habitat feature SSB4.</p> <p>Section 5.3.1: amend text to indicate 16 significant woodlands occur within 120 m of the Project Location, which includes the new woodland feature 22.</p> <p>Section 5.3.3.9: amend text to indicate the closest Project component is the underground collector line that is 1 m away from the SSB4 in a public right of way.</p> <p>Table 7B: update with woodland feature 22.</p> <p>Table 10B: updated o include the evaluation of woodland feature 22.</p>

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			<p>Table 13B: update to include the portion of underground collector line in RWA-6 and OCB-7, between S13 and South Shore Road, in the amount of habitat that will be removed for short-term duration.</p> <p>Table 14B: update to include woodland feature 22 in the list of significant woodlands.</p>
Water Assessment Report	Yes	1, 2 (1, 2 and 3 of 4) 5 (1,2 and 3 of 4)	<p>Figures to be updated to remove those turbine locations which will not be constructed and the associated infrastructure, the new collector line between Turbines S16/S23 and S35; and the new location of the collector line from Turbine S13 South Shore Rd. and west to Turbine S14 entrance. (Change#1, 2, and 3)</p> <p>Section 1.1: amend text to the reduced number of turbine sites (27) and updated combination of turbines.</p> <p>Table 3.1 Summary of mapped watercourses/waterbodies (LIO) in the Zone of Investigation and criteria for REA water bodies (See Appendix B of this report)</p> <p>Table 3.2 Summary Table of Water Bodies and Project Components (See Appendix B of this report)</p> <p>Table 4.2 Summary of Water Bodies Within the 120 m Zone of Investigation (See Appendix B of this report)</p> <p>Table 4.3 Water Bodies that provide fish habitat where in-water work is required. (See Appendix B of this report)</p>
Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment	Yes	2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10	<p>Figures to be updated to remove those turbine locations which will not be constructed and the associated infrastructure, the new collector line between Turbines S16/S23 and S35; and the new location of the collector line from Turbine S13 South Shore Rd. and west to Turbine S14 entrance. (Change#1, 2, and 3)</p> <p>Section 1.1: amend text to the reduced number of turbine sites (27) and updated combination of turbines.</p>

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Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment	Yes	2, 4, 5, 6, 7,	<p>Figures to be updated to remove those turbine locations which will not be constructed and the associated infrastructure, the new collector line between Turbines S16/S23 and S35; and the new location of the collector line from Turbine S13 South Shore Rd. and west to Turbine S14 entrance. (Change#1, 2, and 3)</p> <p>Section 1.1: amend text to the reduced number of turbine sites (27) and updated combination of turbines.</p>
Underwater Archaeological Report	Yes	1	<p>Figures to be updated to remove those turbine locations which will not be constructed and the associated infrastructure, the new collector line between Turbines S16/S23 and S35; and the new location of the collector line from Turbine S13 South Shore Rd. and west to Turbine S14 entrance. (Change#1, 2, and 3)</p> <p>Section 2.1.1: amend text to the reduced number of turbine sites (27) and updated combination of turbines.</p>
Heritage Assessment Report	Yes	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9,11 12	<p>Figures to be updated to remove those turbine locations which will not be constructed and the associated infrastructure, the new collector line between Turbines S16/S23 and S35; and the new location of the collector line from Turbine S13 South Shore Rd. and west to Turbine S14 entrance. (Change#1, 2, and 3)</p> <p>Section 1.3: amend text to the reduced number of turbine sites (27) and updated combination of turbines.</p>
Protected Properties Assessment	Yes	3, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11	<p>Figures to be updated to remove those turbine locations which will not be constructed and the associated infrastructure, the new collector line between T16/T23 and T35; and the new location of the collection corridor from S13 south shore Rd. and west to S14 entrance. (Change#1, 2, and 3)</p> <p>Section 1.1: amend text to the reduced number of turbine sites (27) and updated combination of Siemens turbines.</p>

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Wind Turbine Specifications Report	Yes	n/a	Section 1.1: amend text to the reduced number of turbine sites (27) and updated combination of Siemens turbines. Section 2.1: amend text to the updated combination of Siemens turbines. Table 2.1 and 2.3: update to include specifications of the updated turbines.
Noise Assessment Report (Appended to the Design and Operations Report)	Yes	Yes	Revised assessment and figures to remove those turbine locations which will not be constructed.
Property Line Setback Assessment	No	4	Remove Figure 4 Attachment B: Property Line assessment Summary Table – remove reference to Turbine S15.

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3.0 Consultation

Consultation regarding the proposed modification was undertaken with the MOECC, MNRF, MTCS, municipalities, stakeholders and local Aboriginal communities. Details are provided in the subsequent sections.

3.1 GENERAL STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

Windlectric will provide notification to stakeholders included on the Project distribution list regarding the proposed modification and application to the MOECC for an amendment to the Project's REA application. A Notice of Proposed Change to a Renewable Energy Project will be distributed, and will provide an overview of the proposed change, notification that a Modification Report to amend the Project's REA application has been submitted to the MOECC for review, information regarding availability of the Modification Report on the Project website.

The Notice and Modification Report will be posted on the Project website, to ensure the community is adequately informed of the proposed change. The Notice will be mailed to all Project stakeholders, including agencies, municipalities, Aboriginal communities, and community members that are on the Project distribution list. The Notice will also be published on at least two separate days within newspapers with general circulation in the Project area.

3.2 AGENCY CONSULTATION

- Consultation regarding the proposed modifications was undertaken with the MOECC via this Modification Document and as per a letter submitted to the MOECC dated May 1, 2015 (Appendix C).
- The Notice of Project Change has been provided to the MOECC and in a form agreed to by the Director of the Environmental Approvals Branch.
- The MNRF was advised of the proposed modifications through two letter addendums to the NHA/EIS (Appendix D). Consultation with the MNRF regarding changes to the NHA/EIS included obtaining written confirmation (Appendix D) that the MNRF is satisfied that the NHA requirements of O. Reg. 359/09 have been met.
- The MTCS was advised of the proposed modifications through letter addendums to the Heritage Assessment, Protected Properties Assessment and Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment (Appendix E). Consultation with the MTCS regarding changes to these assessments included obtaining written confirmation (Appendix E) that the MTCS is satisfied that the assessments met the requirements of O. Reg. 359/09.

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3.3 MUNICIPAL CONSULTATION

A hard and/or soft copy of this Modification Document will be provided to:

- Loyalist Township
- County of Lennox & Addington

3.4 ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

A hard and/or soft copy of this Modification Document will be provided to:

- Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation
- Curve Lake First Nation – Mississaugas of Mud Lake Curve Lake
- Hiawatha First Nation – Mississaugas of Rice Lake
- Alderville First Nation – Mississaugas of Aderville
- Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation
- Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte – Tyendinaga Mohawks Territory
- Williams Treaty First Nations

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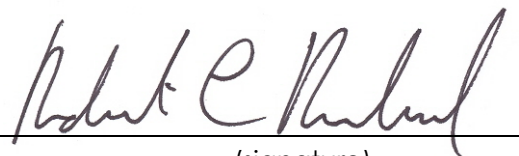
4.0 Closure

The proposed modifications have been adequately assessed in accordance with O. Reg. 359/09 and the MOECC's Technical Guide. It has been determined that the modifications would not result in new negative environmental effects or associated mitigation measures beyond those identified as part of the original REA Application submitted for the Project.

This report has been prepared by Stantec for the sole use of Windlectric, and may not be used by any third party without the express written consent of Windlectric. The data presented in this report are in accordance with Stantec's understanding of the Project as it was presented at the time of reporting.

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