

Meeting Record

Liaison Committee – Meeting #9 (conference call)

Amherst Island Wind Energy Project

Date: Monday, January 27, 2014
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) – absent
Paul McCorquodale (Algonquin Power)

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 completed their administrative completeness (screening) review on the REA application and posted (Jan 2, 2014) the information on the MoE Environmental Bill of Rights web site for public comment.Algonquin had to post, within 10 days on receiving notification by the MoE of the completion of their administrative screening review, to the project web site (www.amherstislandwindproject.com) the final technical documents.In addition to the final technical reports posted on the project web site a summary report on all the REA report changes that were made to the final technical reports since it was first submitted to the MOE (in April 2013) was also posted. This document is in the consultation report (there is a separate link to this report).Two copies of the final REA documentation was submitted to the Township (Algonquin provided an additional copy if the Township wanted to place it in a Township office on the island)The MoE is now undertaking their technical review of the REA technical documents (this is usually a	<p>The comment period ends March 8, 2014 - http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTIxMzE0&statusId=MTgxNTk5&language=en</p>

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<p>standard 6 month review). If the MoE technical review is satisfactory and no issues the agency would then grant the project REA (as Algonquin has previously mentioned to the PLC and the public, an appeal of the REA to the Environmental Review Tribunal must be submitted within 15 days of the REA being issued)</p>	
<p>3. Status update on project Endangered Species Act Application</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further to the update provided at the end of last year – Algonquin is continuing to follow the MNR process of discuss the draft permit (pertain specifically with three bird species - bobolink, whip-poor-will & eastern meadowlark). • Uncertain on actual MNR timing on the finalizing of the permit. 	<p>None</p>
<p>4. Regulatory process next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Algonquin reiterated that 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) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question from PLC member – is negotiations with the Township with regards to the Road Use Agreement still on-going. Answer – yes the company is continuing to discuss with Township solicitor and senior municipal staff on this subject • Question from PLC member – if the Township requests slight amendments to the project to use closed roads on the island (that were not considered in the REA technical reports) what would the process be to change the REA. Answer – Algonquin would have to consult with the MoE and comply with the REA amendment process the agency has prescribed in the REA approval process.
<p>5. Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion about weather conditions and if Algonquin has obtained any recent data from KFN for the Amherst island or Wolfe Island. No updated data has been received from KFN. 	<p>None</p>

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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