

**Questions and Responses from the Loyalist Township
Operations Plan Town Hall
April 20, 2017
Stella, ON**

#	Question	Response
1	Is Windlectric honouring its commitments to limit its use of the public ferry?	<p>Windlectric was permitted to use the public ferry for construction purposes for the project's island dock. The project is no longer using the public ferry for construction purposes.</p> <p>For more information on ferry use as it relates to the project, please see section 2.7.6 of the Operations Plan.</p>
2	How will you ensure there is minimal interference with ferry access so that people do not experience trip delays?	We have a number of provisions in place to ensure people are able to access the public ferry. We outline how we will mitigate travel interference in sections 2.1, 2.3, 2.7.3, and 2.7.5 of the Operations Plan.
3	How will you ensure the public will not be negatively impacted by the project?	<p>This concern is at the heart of our Operations Plan. We are committed to ensuring residents of Amherst Island encounter as little disruption as possible.</p> <p>Please see sections 2.1, 2.3, 2.7, 2.8, 2.9 and 2.10 of the Operations Plan for specifics on how we will minimize inconveniences for residents of and visitors to the island.</p>
4	How will you communicate information to the public?	<p>We are committed to maintaining an open dialogue with the public. You can find details on municipality and resident notices and how information will be publicly posted in section 3.1 of the Operations Plan.</p> <p>You can also send questions to windlectric@amherstislandwindproject.com. We are committed to responding to your questions within five business days.</p>
5	Will Windlectric set up an office on the island?	Yes, that is our intent and we are in the process of locating an office site on the island. We are working towards having this office operational by the time construction resumes on the island in late summer. Currently, we have a temporary office set up in Amherstview at 6 Speers Blvd.
6	Can Windlectric communicate with island residents by use of mail flyers?	Yes, we will be issuing mail flyers. We added this format of communication to our Operations Plan, under section 3.1. You can also find information on public notices and our other channels of communication in this section of the Operations Plan.
7	Was Pennecon aware of the expected project costs prior to their commitment to equity participation in the project?	Yes, Pennecon was aware of the expected project costs.

8	If Algonquin Power abandons the project, will it leave others to bear cost of clean-up, and disassembly?	You can find details in the Road Use Agreement executed by and between Windlectric Inc. and the Corporation of Loyalist Township, which addresses financial security that protects the Township's interests under such unlikely circumstances.
9	Is Algonquin confident there is enough wind resource to maintain the project?	Algonquin is very confident in our wind assessments, and that the wind resource supports the economics of the project.
10	Are the boundaries of municipal road allowances resolved with the survey?	Municipal road allowance boundaries are reflected on project plans submitted separately to the Township as part of the Pre-Construction Study. The Operations Plan commits, in the introduction (section 1) and section 2.2 that municipal roadway work and infrastructure installed by the project will fall within municipal road allowances or private lands under agreement with the project company.
11	Will you honour your ERT commitments with respect to road widening – specifically, minor and temporary widening along South Shore, Third Concession, and Dump Road? How does your statement of 6m roads comply with your commitment to the ERT on limited / minor / temporary widening of roads?	Windlectric will comply with permit requirements and representations. We will restore overgrown shoulders of existing gravel roads to 6m travel surfaces, as necessary. For more details on this, please see section 2.2 of the Operations Plan.
12	Given that Windlectric has previously stated that it won't widen roads, how will it deliver on the statement that it will restore roads to a width of 6m? Most existing road travel surfaces are less than 6m.	We will restore overgrown shoulders of existing gravel roads to 6m travel surfaces, as necessary. For more details on this, please see section 2.2 of the Operations Plan.
13	Please describe all road widenings proposed for the project.	A general description of the scope and construction methods planned for the project has been added in section 2.2 of the Operations Plan. Temporary road widenings are expected to occur on portions of South Shore Road, the "s-curve" on Third Concession Road, and the southern portions of Dump Road. In a limited number of areas, existing public road intersections will be temporarily modified to increase the turning radii in the direction of travel to accommodate project traffic. Temporary widening work will be removed at the completion of project construction.
14	Postings to the Township site are incomplete. Where can we find all of the posts?	Windlectric is not responsible for the Township site; although we do reach out to the Township whenever problems with the information on their site are identified. The project website at amherstislandwindproject.com is the best resource for project information. You can find the posts and other public information under Public Information and Consultations menus.
15	Can you add a commitment to comply with the ERT commitments, and later, a report on how compliance was achieved, to the Operations Plan?	The Operations Plan is consistent with the relevant commitments made by the project in the REA and related ERT Hearings.
16	People race to get to the ferry. Will you post if delays are expected and minimize	We are sensitive to the public's reliance on the public ferry and have a number of provisions in

	traffic impacts around ferry departure times?	place to ensure access the public ferry with as minimal traffic interruptions as possible. We outline how we will mitigate travel interference in sections 2.1, 2.3, 2.7.3, and 2.7.5 of the Operations Plan.
17	The current three-day acknowledgement for complaints is too slow. Will you review how to shorten response time?	We have reviewed our response time and have added resources to improve our response time. For details, please see revisions to the Operations Plan in section 3.2 and 3.3. An automated acknowledgement is provided immediately, and we will work to a service level response of five business days for either a full or initial response depending on the complexity of the issue.
18	When approaching from the east, the dock road crossing front is at the bottom of a blind hill. Could you place a project flag at the top of the hill for eastbound traffic?	We will place cautionary signage for eastbound traffic in accordance with Appendix B of Schedule 02 of the Operations Plan.
19	Are road closures expected on Bath Road (mainland) during project execution?	There are no expected road closures (as defined in the Operations Plan) for Bath Road during execution of the project. "Flaggers" (workers with traffic flags) may be present for temporary traffic interruptions, such as when loading turbine components or other project materials onto barges.
20	What does Windlectric have in place to ensure it will not impact emergency services on the island?	The considerations for emergency services are extensive and detailed. For full information about emergency processes, please see section 4 of the Operations Plan.
21	Can you clarify Peneconn's ownership of the project? Why was its participation just divulged?	Algonquin has brought in a partner during the construction phase of the project and holds an option to reacquire that partner's shares in the project company once the project achieves commercial operation. The partner that has been brought in is Pennecon, and their name was made public due to requests from stakeholders.
22	We were informed by a third-party of the EA at Highway 401 and County Road 4 and County Road 6. Why were we informed by a third-party and what other permits are required?	Minor work at the listed intersections (such as extension of asphalt onto existing shoulders) may be required to facilitate transportation of oversized components. A variety of permitting efforts are ongoing or will be upcoming, including fill permits and foundation building permits from the Township, and conservation authority permits for potential work on some culverts and other structures.
23	Is a Road Use Agreement planned or underway with the county?	Yes. Active discussions on the RUA are underway with Lennox and Addington County.
24	What is the current COD date under the offtake contract?	The planned COD (Commercial Operation Date) of the project will occur in April 2018, well within the offtake agreement milestones.
25	Will emergency routes, such as detours, be capable of supporting traffic?	Yes. Detour routes will be inspected and their suitability for use will be confirmed prior to road closures. For more information on detours, please see section 2.3 of Operations Plan.
26	How does the project impact school bus routes and their schedules?	For details on school bus route impacts and mitigation, please see section 2.7.3 of the Operations Plan. There should be no impact to school bus routes or schedules on their way to

		school or the ferry. The site team has spoken with school officials and will continue to coordinate with staff to ensure appropriate measures are in place to minimize any other impacts to student transportation.
27	How do REA batch plant limits of 7:00 am – 7:00 pm reconcile with discussions in the Operations Plan that concrete placements may exceed normal working hours?	Batch plant operation will observe REA limits (ending operation at 7:00 pm). Some concrete trucks may not complete transit to the placement site and discharge before 8:00 pm. Additionally, the finishing, covering, etc. of concrete may extend past 8:00 pm. For more details on the concrete placement operations, please see section 2.9.3 of the Operations Plan.
28	How will Windlectric mitigate dust from road traffic?	We will use water trucks to minimize fugitive dust. More details on dust mitigation are in section 2.11 of the Operations Plan.
29	What are the dimensions and cubic meters of concrete of the turbine foundations?	Approximate foundation concrete volumes are 250 m ³ for rock anchor foundations and 450 m ³ for spread footing foundations. The majority of the project's turbine foundations will be of the rock anchor variety.
30	How many company representatives have lived within 500m of a wind turbine?	To our understanding, one representative.
31	In reference to questions surrounding St. Paul's Church (Schedule 15 [13]) what trees may be removed or damaged?	Some tree trimming may be required to facilitate transportation of oversized components along Stella Forty Foot Road. Such trimming is not reasonably expected to have long-term impact on the trees. Directional boring will be used for the electrical collection system installation near St. Paul's Church, and we do not expect the trees to be impacted by this activity.
32	You made a commitment to not interfere with Stella 40' in front of the church.	Directional boring will be used for the electrical collection system installation near St. Paul's Church and customized transportation equipment will eliminate the need for road grade modifications in the vicinity of St. Paul's Church.
33	Minutes of 2013 Town Hall meeting indicate project would "not touch hill" at church.	Directional boring will be used for the electrical collection system installation near St. Paul's Church and customized transportation equipment will eliminate the need for road grade modifications in the vicinity of St. Paul's Church.
34	What will the project do for people whose wells are affected by construction?	No impact is reasonable expected to affect wells as a result of project activities. However, Windlectric will repair or remediate any well that is negatively impacted by the project. For details on this topic, please see section 2.7.8 of the Operations Plan.
35	Will Windlectric do any well monitoring before construction begins?	Windlectric has no intent to perform well monitoring ahead of construction. For details on wells, please see section 2.7.8 of the Operations Plan.
36	How will construction personnel be informed of at-risk species and their nesting areas?	Species at-risk training is a mandatory requirement for all construction staff before being allowed to work on site. For information on regarding at-risk

		species, please see Appendix C of Schedule 02 and Schedule 04 of the Operations Plan.
37	Will there be noise from overnight construction at substation?	See sections 2.9.5 and 2.9.6 of the Operations Plan for details regarding the very limited overnight construction that may be required during the course of construction.
38	What will happen to a well 300' from a substation?	There is no basis to expect any impact to dug or drilled wells on the island at this, or any other, location as a result of project construction or operation.
39	The Operations Plan specified all wells were shore wells, but there are dug and drilled wells on the island. There are dug and drilled wells on the island also.	The Operations Plan acknowledges that dug or drilled wells are present on the island in addition to shore wells. See section 2.7.8 of the Operations Plan.
40	Will the project comply with NPC-300 requirements?"	Ontario Ministry of the Environment's Publication NPC-300 provides guidelines for approval of Stationary Sources of Noise (Part B) and Land Use Planning (Part C). It does not limit in any way, and specifically excludes, sound emissions from temporary construction activity.
41	Why was a shadow flicker assessment conducted and is there a moral obligation to follow European regulations?	Shadow flicker studies were conducted on a voluntary basis by the project, but are not a matter of regulatory compliance.
42	Re: Stella 40' near church - Distinct hill & impact on roadway - is an important feature of the island. How will final plans be communicated about the work done near St. Paul's Church and the Stella 40?	The Operations Plan notes that impact to the area around St. Paul's Church would be mitigated by use of a) directional boring for electrical collection system installation and b) specialized transportation equipment to eliminate the need for roadway elevation changes. Detailed plans for all work within the Township road allowances are provided in the Pre-Construction Study drawings.
43	Will you provide paper copies of the plans for review?	Yes. Copies of the Pre-Construction Study drawings will be sent to the Loyalist Township for public review.
44	Will you include address numbers on plans for review?	Yes. Address numbers will be included in subsequent production under Pre-Construction Study obligations.