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Dear Mr. Fairfield,

The Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) has reviewed the following document which was submitted pursuant to Condition H1 of Renewable Energy Approval (REA) No. 7123-9W9NH2, issued on August 24, 2015:

 Amherst Island Wind Project, Erosion and Sediment Control and Stormwater Management Plan Report, Phase 1, dated October 17, 2016, revised on November 1, 2016, and prepared by Stantec Consulting Ltd.

This is to confirm that the Director is satisfied with the above-noted document. As such, please accept this letter as written approval of the stormwater management plan and erosion and sediment control plan (SWM and ESC Plan) for the project components described in the above-noted document.

Please note that in accordance with Conditions H1 and H2 of the REA, Windlectric Inc. must not commence construction of those project components not described in the above-noted document (or in any other document which received approval from the Director pursuant to Condition H2) unless an applicable SWM and ESC Plan for said project components is submitted to and approved in writing by the Director.

Windlectric Inc. is reminded to ensure that prior to the commencement of construction activities at the project location it obtain any applicable permits from appropriate agencies and satisfy any other relevant requirements of the REA and the application which may otherwise prohibit the commencement of construction activities at the project location or result in non-compliance with the conditions of the REA and the application. Of note, please be reminded of the following:

 As Condition H1 requires submission of the SWM and ESC Plan at least one month prior to construction, Windlectric Inc. must <u>not</u> commence construction of the project

- components described in the above-noted document until November 18, 2016, at the earliest.
- Per Condition Q4 of the REA, an Emergency Response and Communications Plan must be prepared prior to construction of the project.
- Per Condition M6 of the REA, Windlectric Inc. must prepare a detailed written and photographic documentation of dry stone walls prior to construction of the project.
- Per Condition M8, Windlectric Inc. must document, including photographically, the ferry landscape prior to any construction activity occurring and in advance of the installation of temporary and permanent project infrastructure in the vicinity of the ferry landscape.
- Per Condition H15, Windlectric Inc. must submit and obtain District Manager approval of a turbidity sampling program prior to construction of the project.
   Monitoring must be initiated two weeks prior to the commencement of construction.
- As committed to through the REA process, a Marine Logistics Plan addressing barge, ferry and other marine traffic must be prepared prior to construction of the project.
- Any work/action proposed to be undertaken prior to construction, as described in the REA application (e.g. Water Body Report, Natural Heritage Assessment, Archaeological Assessments, Cultural Heritage Assessment), must be completed prior to construction activities, as applicable.

Yours sincerely,

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