IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, S.O. 1998, c.15, Schedule B;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by McLean's Mountain Wind LP for an Order granting leave to construct a new transmission line and associated facilities.

MCLEAN'S MOUNTAIN WIND LIMITED PARTNERSHIP RESPONSES TO CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY

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Reference: Exhibit D, Tab 2, Sch 2

Exhibit E, Tab 1, Sch 4 Exhibit G, Tab 1, Sch 2

Preamble

CP understands that more than one route has been considered for the cabling/transmission lines that will traverse Goat Island.

Question 1

Please detail the precise route that you propose for the cabling/transmission lines that will traverse Goat Island.

Please list the location and specifications of all structures that will be required on Goat Island.

Response:

Please see Attachment 2 to the Applicant's response to Board Staff Interrogatories. Attachment 2 includes a sketch of the proposed route across Goat Island and switch yard layout.

All visible structures will be located in the switching station area adjacent to 115 kV transmission corridor and marked on Attachment 2 to the Applicant's response to Board Staff Interrogatories. Please see the drawing accompanying these responses as

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Attachment 1 which provides an elevation view of the switching station and identifies all structures that will be required on Goat Island.

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Reference: Exhibit D, Tab 2, Sch 2 Exhibit E, Tab 1, Sch 4

Question 2

Could the cable/transmission line follow the existing highway for its route across Goat Island? If no, please explain why.

Response:

The cable could follow the highway, but any route that follows the highway would be much longer and add significant additional cost. Also, at this point in the development of the project this modification would create significant delays to the project.

Moreover, certain other factors make it effectively impossible for the Applicant to access Goat Island by following the existing highway and placing the transmission line in the vicinity of the bridge between Manitoulin Island and Goat Island. The existing submerged Bell cables, bridge swing, and the surrounding private lands, are all factors which make it impossible for the Applicant to arrive at an access point along the water edge. Furthermore, an underwater crossing at this point would create bridge swing delays and the depth of water in this area is much shallower than the proposed crossing area, thus presenting a possible hazard for shipping and boating passage.

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Question 3

Could the cable/transmission lines follow the established route that is already being used by Hydro One? If no, please explain why.

Response:

The Hydro One lines that transmit power to Manitoulin Island operate at 44 kV and cross the North Channel overhead. The transmission lines could not follow the established route that is already being used by Hydro One because the existing towers on either side of the North Channel cannot accommodate an additional 115 kV line as is required by the project.

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Reference: Exhibit B, Tab 1, Sch 1 Exhibit K, Tab 1, Sch 1

Preamble

Goat Island is largely composed of bedrock that sits just below the surface. Any trenching or tunnelling will likely require blasting through the bedrock and may cause significant changes in drainage patterns, erosion and/or debris.

Question 4

Please confirm whether you intend to bury any portion of the cable-transmission lines that will traverse Goat Island.

Please describe, in detail, the methods of construction you will use to bury the cable.

Have you considered covering the cable at grade, as an alternative to burying the cable? Is such a method feasible?

Response:

The cable on Goat Island will be buried from the switching station to the water's edge. Construction of the buried cable will require an open-cut trench to be excavated. Due to the presence of bedrock on shore, drilling and blasting of the rock along the proposed cable right-of-way will have to be performed in advance of excavating the trench to grade depth. The contractor will commence the excavation of the trench with the drilling and blasting of the trench, extending from switching station down to water's edge. Following the blasting operations, the contractor will proceed to excavate the cable trenches down to required grade (approximately 1.1 metres depth below existing ground) using a land-based excavator (backhoe). The blasted rock excavated from the trench will be placed adjacent to the trench and temporarily stockpiled for future backfill following installation of the cables.

Additional details on the construction method can be found in the Construction Report prepared as part of McLean's REA submission which has been provided on a cd-rom as part of the Applicant's response to Board Staff Interrogatory #4.

The final design and method of construction will ensure that drainage patterns on Goat Island are not materially impacted.

Installation of the electrical cables at grade is technically possible. McLean's considered and then rejected this approach because of the additional risk that the cable could be damaged.

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Question 5

What impact will the construction, and presence, of the transmission related installations proposed for Goat Island have on the Island's drainage patterns?

Response:

The construction and presence of the transmission related installations on Goat Island will have no impact on the Island's drainage patterns.

Question 6

- a. What access rights will you require to construct/install the cable traversing Goat Island?
- b. What access rights will you require in association with any submarine cable located near Goat Island?
- c. Please describe where your access roads (if any) will be located.
- d. Can your construction be completed using existing public road allowances/rights of way?

Response:

- a. It is expected that construction and installation of the cable that traverses Goat Island can be accomplished within the lands shown on the sketch as being located within the proposed easement.
- Access rights for the submarine cable are required. A tenure agreement will be entered into, and construction permits will be issued by the Ministry of Natural Resources.
- c. Road access to the switching station is required and would ideally be from Hwy 6 at the north end of the switching station. It could also be from any one of the other 3 sides of the switching station depending on CP's requirements.
- d. The construction cannot be completed using existing public road allowances/rights of way. The preferred route of the cable will require trenching equipment to cross from the switching station adjacent to Hwy 6 to the water's edge. There are no existing public road allowances/rights of way on this route.

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Question 7

Could McLean's connection to the grid take place on Manitoulin Island? If no, please explain why.

Response:

The McLean's connection to the grid cannot take place on Manitoulin Island. The existing Hydro One 44 kV circuits do not have sufficient capacity for the McLean's project.

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Question 8

Please confirm that McLean will accept a lease or a licence for any agreement in respect of Goat Island (as opposed to an easement).

Response:

McLean's is prepared to accept a lease as opposed to an easement for any agreement in respect of Goat Island.

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ATTACHMENT 1

MCLEAN'S MOUNTAIN 115 KV JUNCTION SUBSTATION - SECTION VIEW

