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2300 Yonge Street
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Mr. David Richmond, Manager, Electricity Facilities & Infrastructure Applications

Dear Mr. Richmond:

**Re: McLean's Mountain Wind Limited Partnership
Changes in routing of Transmission Line**

As you know, we are counsel to McLean's Mountain Wind Limited Partnership (referred to here as "McLean" or the "Applicant"), the Applicant in an application for leave to construct transmission facilities to connect the McLean's Mountain Wind Farm ("MMWF"), to be located south of Little Current on Manitoulin Island, to the IESO-controlled grid on Goat Island, together with the other relief set out in the Application (EB-2011-0394). The Board granted leave to construct in June of last year.

In recent communications with you and other members of Board Staff, we have advised you of two slight (and non-material) changes in the routing of the MMWF transmission line. We also understand that the Chief Administrative Officer of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands ("NEMI", or the "Town") wrote to you last week with respect to these changes.

In McLean's response to Board Staff Interrogatory No.3 in EB-2011-0394, McLean was requested to provide information about other utilities that may be affected by the proposed transmission line. Attachment 3, provided as part of the response to that IR, contains a table that provides a detailed description of the route of the line. Section 3 of the table speaks to the line running along the north side of Morphet's Sideroad. To summarize, part of the line will be constructed along Morphet's Sideroad, and as originally planned, the line would run from west to east along private leased lands and then enter the south side of the Morphet's Sideroad municipal road allowance, and would cross from the south side of the road to the north side of the road allowance along the sideroad. The line would then run easterly in the road allowance for approximately 880 metres and then cross to the south side just before dropping over the hill west of the intersection of the unopened Boozenek Road extension. At the unopened Boozenek Road extension, the line would run in a northerly direction along that road allowance.

The two changes to the route are as follows:

- McLean is currently in discussions with NEMI with respect to the finalizing of the routing of the transmission line within the road allowance. As you will see in the NEMI letter, the Town was approached by a resident on the north side of Morphet's Sideroad, with a request that the line be routed along the south side of the Morphet's Sideroad road allowance instead of the north side. NEMI has discussed the requested change with McLean. NEMI believes that this change is not material, as it would simply move the line from one side of the road allowance to the other, and the Town supports the change. McLean is prepared to make the change, and McLean is finalizing the routing with the Town on the basis that the line will run along the south side of Morphet's Sideroad opposite the resident's property.
- Once the line passes the subject resident's property, the line will still have to cross Morphet's Sideroad and run along the north edge of the municipal road allowance as it continues east to Boozenek Road. McLean has been approached by the owner of the property at the northwest corner of Morphet's Sideroad and the Boozenek Road extension. The owner is interested in providing an easement to McLean in order to have the line cross within the corner property to avoid tree removal along the north side of Morphet's Sideroad in front of the corner property. The offer from the owner of the corner property will allow the line to be set back off of the road allowance and constructed immediately next to the trees, avoiding significant tree removal, two crossings of the municipal roadway and two crossings of the existing hydro one line. Please see the map of the proposed route supported by NEMI, which accompanies the NEMI letter. The Town supports the offer from the owner of the corner property, and McLean is in the process of finalizing the documentation in respect of the corner property.

McLean and the Town consider these changes to be non-material, and McLean intends to proceed on the basis of this modified route. Construction has not begun, but McLean is undertaking clearing activities at this time, and its contractor is standing by to commence clearing along Morphet's Sideroad. As noted above, McLean considers these changes to be non-material, but wants to keep you informed about these modifications. McLean asks that you advise as soon as possible if you have any questions or concerns about these modifications.

We thank you for your consideration in this matter. Should you have any questions or require further information in respect of the matters addressed in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours very truly,

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Per:

 on behalf of James C. Sidlofsky

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copy to: Gordon Potts, McLean's Mountain Wind Limited Partnership