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Subject: EB 2014-0300 Windlectric Inc. - Comment and Request

Please require Windlectric Inc. to provide the groundwater studies showing the impact on aquifers and residents' wells for all construction work associated with proposed construction of a 5.9 km submarine cable including blasting for cable vaults, installation of poles, and installation of hydro substations.

Amherst Island is composed of fractured limestone and any construction may impact residents' and the school's access to water. There is no water supply on the Island and any interference with the fragile geology may have severe and forever implications. For example, the Little's well is only 16 feet deep. Others rely on shore wells which could be impacted by near shore construction.

The Leave to Construct application also failed to mention the Environmental Compliance Approval required for a cement batching plant and to identify the source of water for its operation. As the plant is necessary to for the construction of the underground cable vaults it must certainly be considered as part of this application.

Where are the geotechnical studies to support the application for Leave to Construct?

Thank you for bring this concern to the attention of the Hearing Officers.

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