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Attention: Ms. K. Walli, Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Walli:

Re: Windlectric Inc. – Application for Leave to Construct Transmission Facilities (EB-2014-0300)

Conflicting information regarding route for the proposed transmission facilities

We are counsel to the Association to Protect Amherst Island ("APAI"), which has been granted intervenor status in this proceedings.

We write to request that, prior to rendering any decision in this matter, the Board seek clarification from the applicant, Windlectric Inc. ("Windlectric"), on an important issue concerning the transmission route for its proposed transmission facilities.

In its materials on this leave to construct application, Windlectric Inc. identified a <u>single transmission route</u> for its proposed transmission facilities.¹ However, based on public documents released after written closing submissions were made in this hearing, it appears that Windlectric's proposed transmission facilities may actually take one of <u>two different transmission routes</u>. This can be seen in Appendix "B" to Windlectric's *Modification Report #4*, dated May 2015, a copy of which is enclosed for your convenience.² Page 2 of Appendix "B"

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¹ See Windlectric Application, Exhibit C

² Appendix "B" can also be accessed online at the following link:

http://amherstislandwindproject.com/REA%20Amendment%20Modification%204/REA%20-%20Amendment%20Modification%204%20Report%20Appendix%20B.pdf

includes a map, and the legend to this map identifies "Mainland Option 1" and "Mainland Option 2" (under the sub-category of "Transmission Lines"). Each of these two options corresponds to a distinct path for the proposed transmission facilities, as reflected on the map.

APAI submits that Windlectric must address this apparent discrepancy and clarify whether the transmission route for its proposed transmission facilities remains the single route outlined in its application materials, or whether its plans in that regard have changed and it is now considering (or has decided upon) an alternate route.

The need to address this issue is particularly important in light of the Board's *Filing Requirements for Electricity Transmission Applications*, which require Windlectric to identify a single proposed transmission route. Section 4.4.3.1 states:

The Board expects the leave to construct application to be for a single specific route, and that the route will be quite specific from engineering, economic and practical viewpoints. For example, it must be clear which side of the road a line is on, and the specific location of the support towers etc. in relation to affected properties. The route of the line is critical because the Board will only provide leave to construct for a specific route.

Any material deviations to the approved route following Board approval will require further review by the Board. In the course of detailed design and construction some minor deviations from the original route may be required, and the applicant is obligated to advise the Board, which will decide if such changes are of sufficient significance to warrant an examination by the Board and affected parties. Generally changes will be significant if new or existing landowners or public land are affected.

Accordingly, APAI respectfully requests that any decision in this matter should await further information and clarification from Windlectric on the important issue of the transmission route for its proposed transmission facilities.

Yours truly,

Justin Safayeni

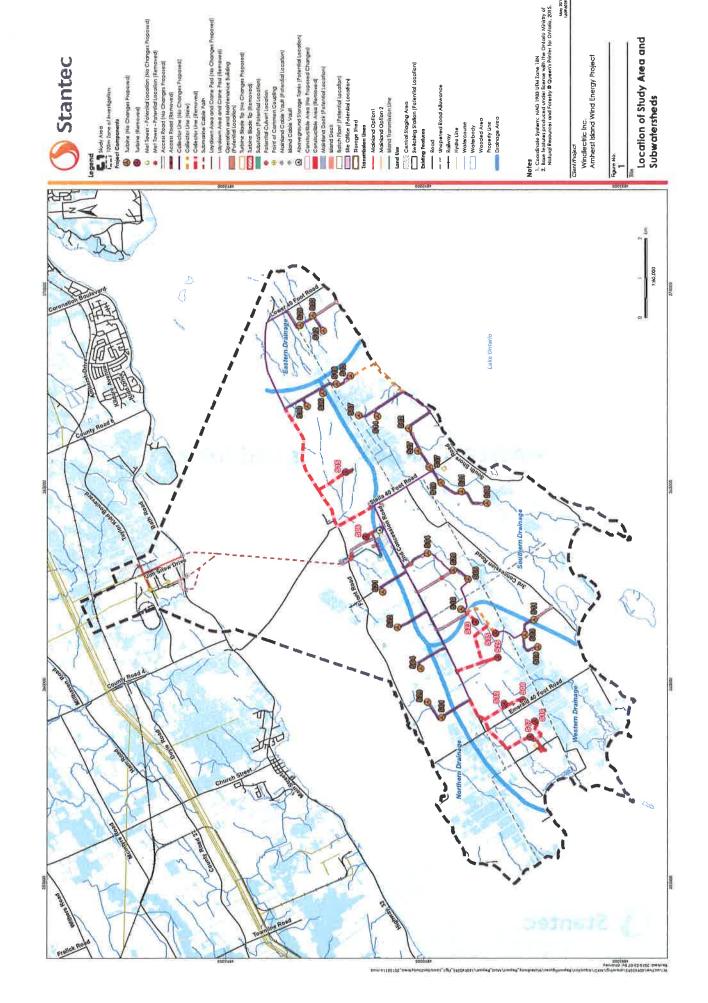
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Appendix B:

WAWBR Revised Figures and Tables













No defined channel; cow pasture with active grazing. Approx. 50m upstream of road, surficial drainage only (no channel). Surficial drainage through pasture, turns into a water body at confluence with Miller Drain (but outside of ZOI). Shallow furrows for surficial drainage.

Not a WB within the Zone of Investigation; surficial drainage. Grassed ditch parallel to 2nd Concession. Diffuse surficial drainage. Diffuse surficial drainage. Surficial drainage. Other Rock Chute* Criteria for Screening Out Mapped Watercourses (Not a Water Body) Temporarily Ponded Area Normally Farmed* Summary of mapped watercourses/waterbodies (LIO) in the Zone of Investigation and criteria for REA water bodies - Amherst Island Wind Project Roadside Ditch* > Temporary Channel for Surface Drainage* > > > 5 > > Grassed Waterway* Swale** No Surface Feature Present > > ` seep++ permanent intermittent stream Water Body+ > Tile No. In Figure ы ო ы e es n G ന 7 7 n (r) Ġ ю 7 7 N N 7 N NWB Station(s) 4 6 8 8 29 9 72 5 9 20 39 = m 7 WB Station(s) 28 6 38 37 O 38 Table 3.1 (revised): Northern Drainage Southern Drainage Eastern Drainage Water Feature

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		n/a		284		Lake										
	Seeps															
	None	n/a														There were no groundwater seeps identified in the Project Location.

	Crossia	Crossing Class			Within 120 m		Fleh Habitat	5
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Offshore				Submarine Cable on Lake Bottom	Bottom		а.	

Summary of Water Bodies Within the 120 m Zone of Investigation			
Proposed Works** Pote	Potential Impacts	Mitigation	Net Effects*
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Intermittent dry at the time of Crossed by a proposed With the field investigation. Bankfull width = 5 m. Water depth = n/a. Substrate = Ilmestone Beard of sittlend deritus. Seasonal fish habitat.	With the exception of standard construction activities, collector line crossings of a water body should not affect the reach outside the constructible area (see Sections 5.1, 5.3).	See Sections 6.1 and 6.3. Follow DFO OS for Overhead Line Construction, Directional Drilling or Punch and Bore Crossings (Appendix E).	None expected.
Intermittent flow dominated Crossed by a proposed With transport of the standard flat morphology, with accessional pools and riffes. Substrate depth = 30 cm. Substrate = bedrack, silt, gravel and detritus. Seasonal flat habitat .	With the exception of standard construction activities, collector line crossings of a water body should not affect the reach outside the constructible area (see Sections 5.1, 5.3).	See Sections 6.1 and 6.3. Follow DFO OS for Overhead Line Construction, Directional Drilling or Punch and Bore Crossings (Appendix E).	Мопе ехрестед.
Intermittent flow dominated Crossed by a proposed With I good and fath morphology, addlector line along Lower 40 cross Bankfull width = 4 m. Water depth = 20 cm. Water depth = 20 cm. Water depth = 20 cm. Seasonal fish habitat.	With the exception of standard construction activities, collector line crossings of a water body should not affect the reach outside the constructible area (see Sections 5, 1, 5,3).	See Sections 6.1 and 6.3. Follow DFO OS for Overhead Line Construction, Directional Drilling or Punch and Bore Crossings (Appendix E).	None expected.
Permanent Flow dominated Crossed by a proposed With the Yoru and file morphology. Collector line along Stella 40 crossing Water depth = 60 cm to >1.5 Constitute = Silt and derittus.	With the exception of standard construction activities, collector line crossings of a water body should not affect the reach outside the constructible area (see Sections 5.1, 5.3).	See Sections 6.1 and 6.3. DFO OS for Overhead Line Construction, Directional Drilling or Punch and Bore Crossings (Appendix E).	None expected.
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Miller Municipal Drain (Stations 52, 36, 38, 34 and 35)	Permanent flow dominated by pool and flat morphology (downstream areas). (Johnstream areas (Stris 52, 36, 39) are intermittent. Bankfull width = 3 to 15 m. Water depth = 15 cm. Substrate = Silt and clay. Fish habitat.	Crossed by an access road a proposed vision by an access road a proposed collector line along 2" Concession Road. Turbine S34, underground collector line and access made to \$16 to be located within 120 m of water body providing fish habitat. Turbine S34, underground collector line and access made to \$16 to be located within 120 m of water body providing fish habitat. Turbine S34 is located 100 m of water body.	Construction activities associated with the installation of the turbine and turbine access roads may affect the reach (e.g. Temporary increase in surface water turbidity due to runoff during construction. See Section 5.1 and 5.2). With the exception of standard construction activities, collector line constructible area (see Sections 5.1, 5.3).	See Sections 6.1, 6.2, 6.3/6.4. Follow DFO OS for Overhead Line Construction, Directional Drilling or Punch and Bore Crossings (Appendix E).	New access road culvert. As per preliminary agency consultation, effects of a culvert at this location can be mitigated. DFO consultation is ongoing and the Project will comply with required permits and/or conditions.
Tributary Associated with Station 37/60	Intermittent flow dominated by float morphology. Bankfull width = 4 m. Water depth = 20 cm. Substrate = Sift and clay. Seasonal fish habitat.	Crossed by an access road to Turbine S34.	Construction activities associated with the installation of the turbine access roads may affect the reach (e.g. i emporary increase in surface water turbidity due to runoff during construction (Section 5.1 and 5.2).	See Sections 6.1 and 6.2.	New access road culvert. As per preliminary agency consultation, effects of a culvert at this location can be mitigated. DFO consultation is ongoing and the Project will comply with required permits and/or conditions.
Tributary Associated with Station 53	Intermittent flow that was dry at the time of the field investigation. Bankfull width = 1,5 m. Water depth = n/a. Substrate = sift, day and muck. Seasonal fish habitat.	Located within 120 m of a proposed collector line.	With the exception of standard construction activities, collector lines located within 120 m of a water body should not affect the reach outside the constructible area (see Section 5.1).	See Section 6.1.	None expected.
Western Drainage					
Tributary Associated with Station 51	Likely intermittent flow dominated by pool and flet morphology. Bankrull width = 2.2 m. Water depth = 15 cm. Substrate = sand, silt, clay and defruits. Likely seasonal fish habitat.	Crossed by a proposed collector line.	With the exception of standard construction activities, collector line crossings of a water body should not affect the reach outside the constructible area (see Sections 5.1, 5.3).	See Sections 6.1 and 6.3. Follow DFO OS for Overhead Line Construction, Directional Drilling or Punch and Bore Crossings (Appendix E)	None expected.
Mainland					
Tributary Associated with Station M2	Intermittent flow their was dry at the time of the failed visit. Banktull width = 1.5 m. Weter depth = dry. Substrate = Sitt muck, sand, cobble and detrifus. Seasonal fish habitat.	Option 1 Located within proposed Laydown Area Option 2 Diccated within 120 m of a proposed collector line and dock location.	With the exception of standard construction activities, collector lines and docks focated within 120 m of a water body should not affect the reach outside the constructible area (see Section 5.1).	See Section 6.1.	None expected.
Tributary Associated with Station M3	Intermittent flow that was dry at the time of the field visit. Bankfull width = 1 m. Water depth = dry. Substrate = soil. Seasonal fish habitat.	Option 2 Crossed by a proposed collector line.	With the exception of standard construction activities, collector line crossings of a water body should not affect the reach outside the constructible area (see Sections 5.1, 5.3).	See Sections 6.1 and 6.3. Follow DFO OS for Overhead Line Construction, Directional Drilling or Punch and Bore Crossings (Appendix E)	None expected.

Table 4.2 (revised):	Summary of Water Bodies Wi	Summary of Water Bodies Within the 120 m Zone of Investigation	gation		
Reach ID*	Site Description	Proposed Works*b	Potential impacts	Mitigation	Net Effects*
Tributary Associated with Station MB/M4	Likely intermittent flow, dominated by flat and pool morphology. Banktull width = 2 m. Weler depth = 15 cm. Substrate = sitt, clay, marl, muck and defrius. Likely seasonal fish habitat.	Option 2 Within 120 m of a proposed collector line.	With the exception of standard construction activities, collector line crossings of a water body should not affect the reach outside the constructible area (see Section 5.1).	See Section 6.1,	None expected.
Lake Ontario					
Amherst Island Shoreline	Littoral zone of Lake Ontario. Bedrock with scattered cobble and sparse vegetation. Habitet for warmweter fish species.	Dock and Cable Landing Final dock design- to be determined (no infilling required). Cable landing area – bury cable in trench to approx 100 m from the average high water mark; clamshell armour to be used from and of trench to 3 m depth (under average water level conditions?)	Dock construction and operation – Section 5.4. Cable Landing – Section 5.5.	See Sections 6.4 and 6.5.	New dock structure on island shoreline; although there will be a permanent footprint of the dock footings, effects can be mitigated. DFC consultation is ongoing and the Project will compty with required permits and/or conditions.
Maintand Shoreline	Littoral zone of Lake Ontario. Habitat for warmwater fish species at all three locations. West Option: Sand. Centre Option: Sand and couble with scattered vegetation. Predominantly sand with scattered vegetation: Resper slope relative to the West and Centre options. Optional Cable Landings: Sand with patchy vegetation; Sand with patchy vegetation; gradual slope.	Dock and Cable Landing Final dock design - to be determined (to infilling required). Cable landing area - bury cable landing area - bury cable in trench to approx 100 m from the approx 100 m from the approx 110 m area mark; diamshell armour to be used demahell armour to be used depth (under average water level conditions).	Dock construction and operation – Section 5.4. Cable landing – Section 5.5.	See Sections 6.4 and 6.5 and DFO OS for Underwater Cables (Appendix E).	New dock structure on shareline; although there will be at ordorinit of the dock frotings, effects can be mitigated. DFO consultation is morgonig and the Project will comply with required permits and/or conditions.
Offshore	Deepwater zone of Lake Ontario.	Submarine cable on take bottom (115 kV, 180 mm diameter [approx.] 4 km long [approx.] 7. Clamshell amour at MTO air Dubbler.	General construct impacts, temporary disturbance to lake bed – Section 5.5. Operation – Section 5.5.	Section 6.5 and see DFO OS for Underwater Cables (Appendix E).	None Expected.
a see Figures 2, 4 and 5 (Appendix A)	ppendix A)				

b the Project is planning to bury the collector lines unless requested otherwise by the Township; construction method to bury the collector line is not known at the time of report preparation (i.e. drilling vs. open cut) c assumes all mitigation measures are implemented and successful

Table 4.3: Water Bodies that provide fish habitat where in-water work is required

	Fish Hab	itat Type
Reach ID	Direct	Indirect
Northern Drainage		
Station 1 (Access Road to Turbine S06)	X (seasonal)	
Southern Drainage		
Miller Municipal Drain - Stations 52, 38, 34 and 35 (Access Road to Turbine S20)	х	
Station 37/60 (Access Road to Turbine S34)	X (seasonal)	
Lake Ontario		
Island – nearshore area (Dock and Cable Landing)	X	
Mainland - nearshore area (Dock and Cable Landing)	X	