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April 30, 2012



Dear Sir/Madam:

As you may be aware, NextEra Energy Canada was selected by the Ontario Power Authority to develop the Adelaide, Bornish and Jericho Wind Energy Centre Projects in Southwestern Ontario.

Proposed wind and renewable energy projects in Ontario must go through a formal approval process, commonly known as the Renewable Energy Approval (REA) process. Regulated by the Ministry of the Environment and the Ministry of Natural Resources, the REA process ensures that all proposed projects meet Ontario's formal Green Energy Act requirements.

As part of the REA process, we are committed to working closely with the public and communicating latest project developments on a regular basis. This is a commitment we intend to honour throughout the development, construction, operation and eventual decommissioning of our wind generation facilities. We believe this honest and open approach will ensure that we plan and develop projects in a manner that is consistent with community needs and expectations.

In keeping with this commitment, we would like to take this opportunity to update you on latest developments for the proposed Adelaide, Bornish and Jericho Wind Energy Centre Projects.

Geographical context

To provide geographical context, the Adelaide and Bornish Wind Energy Centre Projects will be located in Middlesex County and the Jericho Wind Energy Centre Project will be located in Lambton and Middlesex County. All three projects will include a common transmission line located in Middlesex County that will carry the electricity generated by the projects to the interconnection point of the provincial grid.

Transmission Line - update

On November 10, 2011, NextEra hosted a Community Update Meeting where we explained that the Adelaide, Bornish and Jericho Wind Energy Centre transmission lines will now all converge at a switching station which will be located in the Bornish Project area in North Middlesex. The projects will then share a common 115 kV transmission line to transmit the electricity to an interconnection point on the existing 500 kV Hydro One line located east of the proposed projects. This configuration will help minimize the environmental impact of the projects.

Since the Community Update Meeting, we have been working closely with the municipalities, local landowners, project engineers and biologists to identify a preferred route that takes into consideration local economic, geographic and social considerations. The final proposed transmission line routes for the Energy Centres will be presented 60-days prior to the final public meeting for the project in question.

What's next?

We will soon be starting the 60-day public consultation period for the Adelaide and Bornish projects. During this time, the draft REA documents will be made available to the public for review and comment. At end of the 60-day consultation period, NextEra will host public meetings where project representatives will be available to discuss the project and answer questions on the draft documents.

Below is a summary of the key topics discussed during the November public meeting. This summary will answer questions raised by local residents during the meeting with regard to project developments. The



responses were prepared by NextEra Energy Canada with the assistance of two consulting firms, GL Garrad Hassan and AECOM, who have been hired by NextEra Energy Canada to fulfill the requirements of O. Reg. 359/09 for the wind energy projects.

We hope this letter clarifies latest project developments and provides a sense of the direction we will be moving in over the course of summer and fall 2012 as we look to develop the Adelaide, Bornish and Jericho Wind Energy Centre Projects.

We know that there are many complex issues that require ongoing consideration and discussion and for this reason, we always welcome your feedback. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us directly by contacting us as outlined below.

Торіс	Response		
Stray Voltage	Stray voltage is addressed in the Project Description Report and the Design and Operations Report.		
and its Potential Effects on Livestock	NextEra Energy Canada will design the Project to minimize the risk of stray voltage and to ensure the Project is built and maintained within acceptable levels as prescribed by the Distribution System Code and the Electrical Safety Authority		
	The three NextEra Energy Canada projects that were the topic of this meeting are not proposing to connect to the local distribution system that serves barns and houses in the area, so it should not directly impact that service. However, we will continue to work closely with Hydro One to mitigate any potential impact on local distribution customers prior to construction and after, should a concern arise. As stated above, NextEra Energy Canada will use best practices and meet all applicable codes to ensure that any impacts to the system are within allowable and safe limits.		
	Most cases of stray voltage occur when there is either:		
	 Improper grounding of on-site equipment at the customer location (in which case it is an issue with on-site wiring); and, 		
	 A change in current patterns on the distribution line, from generation or load that exposes a pre-existing condition (in which case it is an issue with the distribution utility, not with the generator or load). 		
	It is important to understand that issues associated with stray voltage are not exclusively a consequence of wind energy, but rather a potential effect of any new energy project or other changes that alters the use pattern of the existing system.		
	The turbines are therefore not a unique source of these problems, but like any change to the distribution system may expose faults in that system. All types of generation (wind generation using wind turbines included) must fully comply with utility requirements to ensure that the electricity they supply is compliant with grid standards.		
	Stray voltage problems require on-site inspection for grounding problems, or examination of power quality issues with the distribution utility.		



Торіс	Response				
	If you think you have a stray voltage problem, please contact Hydro One's Customer Communications Centre at 1-888-664-9376.				
	For additional information on the potential effects of stray voltage on livestock, see the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) website: www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/livestock/dairy/facts/strayvol.htm				
Potential Community Benefits and	Community Benefits are addressed in the Project Description Report and the Design and Operations Report.				
	Some of the potential community benefits include:				
	 Landowners benefit from having a guaranteed source of revenue in addition to agriculture-based, seasonal revenue for hosting a wind turbine or associated infrastructure. This helps stabilize the overall economic prosperity of the community, while allowing traditional land-use practices to continue undisturbed. 				
	 Municipal governments benefit as wind projects contribute to the municipal tax base while not requiring any municipal services such as water, sewer, road clearing, etc. In addition, the Projects will create between 5 and 10 full-time jobs and may result in the location of an Operations and Maintenance Centre in one of the communities to serve the project. 				
	 In addition to property taxes and the spinoff economic activity generated by these projects, NextEra Energy Canada, ULC (through its project subsidiaries) is working towards establishing "Community Vibrancy Funds" in host communities as part of our broader commitment to community engagement. Through this fund, NextEra Energy Canada's project companies will contribute funds that will be used to the benefit of local residents, supporting community initiatives that would otherwise not be financially feasible through the local tax base. 				
	 Additionally, NextEra has agreed to hire local suppliers of labour and materials, to the extent available and where competitive, for the construction and operation of the Project. 				
Effects to Wildlife, including	Effects to wildlife are addressed in the Natural Heritage Assessment Report which will be submitted to the Ministry of Natural Resources for review and sign-off.				
Birds and Bats	^{ts} When properly sited, wind turbines present less of a danger to birds than other structures such as buildings or roads. The location of turbines, as well as numerous other decisions associated with developing our wind farms, is carefully designed to minimize these effects As part Ontario's REA process, NextEra Energy Canada is working with experts to assess the potential effects on local wildlife, including birds and bats.				
	As part of the facility siting and pre-construction activities, studies completed by independent consultants help uncover potential issues related to birds, bats and the selected site. Our work plans and results are reviewed by the Ministry of Natural Resources as part of the approval for our REA application. Biologists collect the following information on birds and bats in relation to the Project through field studies and interviews with agencies and environmental organizations:				



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	 Current use of the area, including important seasonal or specialized wildlife habitats such as migratory bird stopover and staging areas; 				
	 Threatened and endangered species present in the area; 				
	 Existing records of species in the area; 				
	 Bird/bat habitat; and, 				
	o Potential effects.				
	In addition, biologists assess any nearby wetlands and determine local permittin requirements relating to environmental protection. We avoid or minimize impacts to wetlands, a common habitat for many species of birds, and other environmentally sensitivareas during siting and layout of the Project.				
	Through these efforts, our biologists can identify the:				
	• Number and type of birds/bats present in the area;				
	 Behaviour of birds/bats while they are present in the area; and, 				
	 Possible risk to birds/bats due to turbine collision. 				
	If issues are identified during the evaluation phase, we take corrective action, such as: o Moving proposed turbine locations to avoid significant bird habitats or to reduce potential strikes;				
	 Establishing setbacks between turbines and wetlands; and, 				
	 Avoiding inter-waterway flight paths or sensitive contiguous habitats for grassland birds. 				
	NextEra will meet all of the requirements for conducting baseline wildlife, bird and b studies, as described in O. Reg. 359/09 and set out in guidelines prepared by the Ministry Natural Resources.				
	Finally, the REA submission will include an Environmental Effects Monitoring Plan (EEMP) to monitor potential impacts on bird and bat species during the first three years of commercial operations. The EEMP will summarize potential negative effects; identify performance objectives with respect to the potential negative effects; describe mitigation measures to achieve the performance objectives; and commit to future monitoring to ensure the mitigation measures meet the performance objectives. NextEra will provide the monitoring results to the Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Natural Resources and any other relevant agency.				
Independence of the Natural Heritage Assessment Report	The Natural Heritage Assessment Report (NHA Report) is being prepared by AECOM for				



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Author	These consulting companies were hired by NextEra to fulfill the study requirements as outlined by the Ministry of Natural Resources.		
	AECOM and NRSI are independent consulting companies with experienced terrestrial and aquatic biologists who conducted the field work and will prepare the reports in accordance with O. Reg. 359/09.		
	The NHA Report is reviewed by the Ministry of Natural Resources to ensure it meets provincial requirements for conducting the necessary baseline environmental studies and identifies mitigation measures and monitoring commitments. The NHA report will be released for public review 60-days prior to the final public consultation meeting.		
Potential Negative	Potential effects to tundra swan are assessed in the Natural Heritage Assessment Report with regard to habitat removal or disturbance at significant wildlife habitat locations.		
Effects on Local Tundra Swan Populations	Mitigation measures and monitoring commitments are identified in the NHA submitted to the Ministry of Natural Resources for review and sign-off and also released for public review.		
	NextEra is conducting ongoing consultation with organizations such as Lambton Wildlife and local landowners to identify local issues including swan stopover and staging areas. In addition, NextEra has been conducting site specific baseline environmental studies in the area since 2007. Together, this information is used to identify appropriate turbine locations including setback distances from natural features.		
When will NextEra	Transmission line routes will be shown in the Project Site Plan included in the Design and Operations Report.		
Present a Final Transmission Line Route?	An exact transmission line route was not presented at the Community Update Meeting because NextEra was still working with the municipality, local landowners, project engineers and biologists to identify a preferred route.		
	NextEra appreciates the information received at the November 10 Community Update Meeting and takes this into account when siting the transmission line. The proposed transmission routes for the projects are proposed to travel from the project substations using the existing rights-of-way to a switchyard. From this switchyard, power will flow approximately 11.5 km through another 115 kV line to a new, proponent owned substation (the "second substation"), from which it will connect to Hydro One's 500 kV transmission network.		
	The final transmission line route for the projects will be presented 60-days prior to the final public meeting.		
Potential Effects on Property Values	Based on available research, we are not aware of any credible evidence to indicate a decline in property values from the siting of a wind farm. Independent studies have been conducted by Ontario municipalities, leading universities, and other entities which have concluded that the construction of a wind facility does not detract from property values.		
	Excerpt from the Chatham-Kent property value study 2010: "In the study area where wind farms were clearly visible, there was no empirical evidence to		



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	indicate that rural residential properties realized lower sale prices than similar residential properties within the same area that were outside the viewshed of a wind turbine. No statistical interference to demonstrate that wind farms negatively affect rural residential market values in Chatham-Kent was apparent in this analysis." http://www.canwea.ca/pdf/talkwind/PropertyValuesConsultingReportFebruary42010.pdf			
	Excerpt from the Berkeley Lab property value study 2009: "Specifically, neither the view of the wind facilities nor the distance of the home to those facilities is found to have any consistent, measureable, and statistically significant effect on home sale prices. Wind facilities have had no widespread and statistically identifiable impact on residential property values". http://www.canwea.ca/pdf/talkwind/Property_Value_Study.pdf			
Potential Effects on	Potential effects on local views are addressed in the Project Description Report and the Design and Operations Report.			
Local Views (visual effects)	Visualizations of the proposed turbines within the existing landscape were prepared and presented at the public meeting for the Adelaide and Bornish projects; these will also be prepared and presented at the final public meeting for the Jericho project. These visualizations attempt to show the relative size of the turbines in relation to local landscapes. Visual effects are ultimately dependent on the perception of residents and visitors to the presence of turbines.			
Health Concerns Related to Wind Turbines	NextEra takes concerns about human health very seriously. Although much has been written about health effects associated with wind turbines, we have found no credible, scientifically peer-reviewed study that demonstrates a causal link between wind turbines and negative health effects. On the contrary, the study "Wind Turbine Sound and Health Effects: An Expert Panel Review" had the following key conclusions:			
	 Sound from wind turbines does not pose a risk of hearing loss or any other adverse health effect in humans. Subaudible, low frequency sound and infrasound from wind turbines do not present a risk to human health. Some people may be annoyed at the presence of sound from wind turbines. Annoyance is not a pathological entity. A major cause of concern about wind turbine sound is its fluctuating nature. Some may find this sound annoying, a reaction that depends primarily on personal characteristics as opposed to the intensity of the sound level. The full report can be found in the Canadian Wind Energy Association's website: www.canwea.ca/pdf/talkwind/Wind_Turbine_Sound_and_Health_Effects.pdf and on www.NextEraEnergyCanada.com. In their decision on the Kent Breeze Wind project in Chatham-Kent, the Ontario Ministry of Environment stated: 			
	" The Chief Medical Officer of Health agreed to undertake a review of existing information and to consult with the Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion and local medical officers of health on health effects related to wind turbines. The results of the review and			





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	consultation were published on May 20, 2010 and released in a report titled "The Potential Health Impacts of Wind Turbines". The review concluded that scientific evidence available to date does not demonstrate a direct causal link between wind turbine noise and adverse health effects. The sound level from wind turbines at common residential setbacks is not sufficient to cause hearing impairment or other direct health effects, and there is no scientific evidence to date that vibration from low frequency wind turbine noise causes adverse health effects.			
	Regarding shadow flicker, a common concern is its possible relationship to epilepsy. The Chatham-Kent Board of Health reviewed potential impacts in their report dated June 2008 and stated that 'The frequency of wind turbines is well below the current known documented threshold for triggering epilepsy symptoms."			
	The American Epilepsy Foundation indicated that flashing lights most likely to trigger a seizure occur at frequencies between 5 to 30 Hertz (Hz – flashes per second). Shadow flicker generated by wind turbines, however, has a frequency well below that level, and ranges from 0.5 to 1.25 Hz.			
	The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection convened an expert panel in collaboration with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to investigate potential human health effects associated with proximity to wind turbines. The panel, comprised of physicians and scientists, reviewed existing information within their areas of expertise and recently released a report titled Wind Turbine Health Impact Study: Report of Independent Expert Panel. Some of the key findings are summarized below:			
	 "There is no evidence for a set of health effects from exposure to wind turbines that could be characterised as "Wind Turbine Syndrome"." 			
	 "Available evidence shows that the infrasound levels near wind turbines cannot impact the vestibular system" [i.e. the system responsible for balance]. 			
	 "None of the limited epidemiological evidence reviewed suggests an association between noise from wind turbines and pain and stiffness, diabetes, high blood pressure, tinnitus, hearing impairment, cardiovascular disease, and headache/migraine." 			
	The full report is available for review here:			
	http://www.mass.gov/dep/energy/wind/impactstudy.htm			
	The Province of Ontario has appointed Dr. Siva Sivoththaman at the University of Waterloo as the Ontario Research Chair in Renewable Energy Technologies and Health. This position is dedicated to "actively monitoring and providing the latest in scientific research and data about any possible health impacts of renewable energy."			
	Finally, NextEra will have a Complaint Resolution Process in place to address any concerns related to the Projects, should they arise. This process outlines the steps to be taken to resolve the issue including: contacting the complainant within 24 hours of receiving the complaint to understand and seek a resolution, notifying the Ministry of the Environment of the complaint and filing a Complaint Record, and finally, proposing a face-to-face meeting if the issue cannot be resolved through a phone call.			



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Format of the Meeting as an Open House rather than Town Hall	It is our experience that meetings structured in an Open House format are the most effective way to communicate a large amount of information to members of the community. This provides local stakeholders with an opportunity to speak, face-to-face, with project staff and to ask questions that are within their areas of expertise. In addition, we understand that not all members of the public are comfortable asking questions in front of a large audience; as such, we have found that one-on-one discussions are an effective tool to encourage active participation.
	There are many subject matter experts involved in the planning, design, engineering, construction, permitting and development of a wind energy project. Should one project representative be unable to address a specific question, they can draw on the expertise of another representative at the meeting. It is NextEra's priority to provide accurate information to all attendees at the meeting.

Information on the Adelaide, Bornish and Jericho Wind Energy Centres will continue to be updated and posted as the proposed Projects progress. Further information on the Projects can be found in the draft REA Reports for Adelaide and Bornish and the draft Project Description Report (PDR) for Jericho posted online at: www.NextEraEnergyCanada.com.

If you have any further questions or comments, or if you would like to set up a meeting with the Project team, please do not hesitate to contact us at 1-877-257-7330, or by email at:

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Bornish telephone town hall consultation overview:

On the evening of Tuesdays, June 19th NextEra Energy Canada conducted a live telephone town hall regarding the Bornish Wind Energy Centre Feed-in-Tariff application.

With use of a professional third party moderator, a telephone town hall involves proactively contacting community members by phone to inform, educate and invite participants to engage in debate with a panel of company, project and renewable energy experts. Participants are invited to ask questions and can listen to questions that other local community members ask, and the answers given by the panel.

As an initiative that is in addition to the regulated communications requirements, NextEra Energy Canada held a telephone town hall to offer access to all community members within their proposed Bornish project. This allowed people to inquire as to any possible concerns, offer a forum to educate with accurate information, inform and update all community members, and offer each community member direct contact information for future follow up.

On June 19th, every available phone number in Parkhill, Arkona and Ailsa Craig was called and community members were invited to participate in a live telephone town hall with experts representing NextEra Energy Canada.

The panel included the Project Director of Development, the project engineering manager, NextEra's environmental services manager, the company's operations manager, a terrestrial and wetlands biologist and an expert in environmental health issues related to the wind energy sector.

In total, 2,530 outbound calls were placed in the four above mentioned communities making up the geographic area of the Bornish Wind Energy Centre application. 577 community members participated and stayed on the line for one minute or longer. The peak attendance participation was 141 participants and the average length of stay on the phone for telephone town hall participants was 26 minutes.

During the 60 minute telephone town hall, 27 participants opted to enter the queue to be screened to ask a live question. 21 people were screened and 17 participants went live to ask a question of the panel. Call statistics include:

Total attendees	Average attendance	Peak attendance	Entered queue	Screened	Asked live question
586 (577 who answered their phone)	26 minutes	141	27	21	17

During the call, live community participants asked seventeen questions, and were given answers in real time. As well, four people left voice messages at the conclusion of this forum and were contacted after the telephone town hall with an answer to their question. This event sought to supplement and add insight to the existing Open House events as well as provide community members with the opportunity to participate in a group forum if they were otherwise unable to attend an Open House in person.