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Ministerial Decision – Environmental Review of the Nain Wind Micro-Grid Project

Good afternoon,

The Lands and Natural Resources Department of the Nunatsiavut Government has completed the summary review of the Nain Wind Micro-Grid Project, which was initiated as a condition for the approval of the project under NEPA 3.6.6, for the protection of the environment in relation to projects in Inuit communities.

Following this review and according to NEPA 4.11.10, the Nain Wind Micro-Grid Project is approved, subject to terms and conditions included.

These terms and conditions have been deemed necessary to ensure the Initiative is implemented in a way that protects the environment and the community. They are based on the Department review of the project, advice from the NG Interdepartmental advisory committee, comments and knowledge gathered from Inuit during the public consultation process, and on recommendations received from other governments and agencies, including through the provincial EA process.

It is worth noting that some of these conditions, notably the requests to provide important missing information such as the assessment of cumulative effects (Schedule to the NEPA, Factor 5) and of the environmental effects of alternative means of carrying out the initiative (Factor 11), include the possibility for the Lands and Natural Resources Minister to impose additional mitigation measures and conditions upon reception. It is thus important that the proponent complies with these requirements as early as possible for the project development to go ahead smoothly.

You are welcome to contact the Environment Division with any questions regarding this decision and the associated terms and conditions.

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Terms and Conditions for the approval of the Nain Wind Micro-Grid Project:

1. The proponent must comply with all commitments made during the Environmental Review Process, the provincial Environmental Assessment and the conditions imposed by both governments, and provide the Minister with an update indicating how and when these requirements have been or will be met as soon as possible, prior to the start of construction, and as they are met afterward.
2. The proponent must comply with all recommendations from Provincial and Federal departments included in the Government Screening Agency Comments document from the Provincial review of the project, or provide detailed justification for approval by the Minister if some recommendations are not applicable.
3. The proponent must communicate with the LNR Minister when choices are made regarding elements of the project where multiple options were still considered during the Environmental Review or if modifications to the project are required from what was planned. Changes deemed by the Minister to significantly affect the project's potential impacts could be subject to new conditions or require a new registration.
4. Employees from NG LNR must be provided access to the project site for inspection upon request.
5. The proponent must plan and implement dust management measures in discussion with the NICG, and these measures must include community roads impacted by increased traffic during project construction and not be limited to the project site.
6. The proponent must provide an erosion risk engineering assessment report and a review of hydrology and water features for the project area, including seasonal waterbodies and wetlands, prior to the start of work.
7. The proponent must provide an estimate of the required volume of water for the project, as well as an estimate of available volume in the source ponds considered for review and comment by NG prior to applying for the associated water use permits.
8. The proponent must ship all recycling, hazardous waste and waste destined for landfill for disposal outside of the community, except where an agreement is in place with the NICG or other organisations (for example the school for recycling) for specific materials and amounts.
9. If the proponent is shipping waste for disposal outside of the community, it must discuss with the NICG the potential options for cost sharing or use of available extra space for community waste disposal purposes.
10. The proponent must comply with Health Canada recommendations from the Government Screening Agency Comments for the project, provide the NG with modelling for Low-Frequency Noise prior to construction, monitor noise levels at residences closest to the initiative, and, in the event that sound levels exceed thresholds or result in negative impacts to residents, implement additional mitigation measures as required by the Minister.
11. If the one-turbine option is selected, the proponent should engage with all residents on Trouser Lake Road to discuss Low-Frequency Noise and the procedure to report potential issues.
12. The proponent must develop a monitoring plan for bird strikes and provide it to the Minister for approval before the construction of the turbines. In addition to the mitigation measures included in the EMPP (2.7), the proponent should include a non-exhaustive list of measures that could be implemented as part of the adaptive management plan should its implementation be required by the Minister due to results of the monitoring.
13. The proponent must detail the mitigation measure it proposes for avoidance of some construction activities during migration and breeding season, notably which activities it plans to avoid for which specific time period, based on species breeding/migrating at that time. Inuit Knowledge of changing migration seasons as well as the sources provided by ECCC-CWS in its comments should be taken into account.
14. The proponent must prioritize Inuit-owned businesses registered with the Nunatsiavut Government when awarding contracts, and must prioritize hiring or require sub-contractors to prioritize hiring trained Inuit for

available positions. The proponent should engage with the Department of Education and Economic Development about these requirements.

15. Unless the NICG prevents access to the site via fencing on the Trouser Lake Road before the water tower bifurcation, the access road and turbine areas must be surrounded by a guardrail or another similar measure, allowing access to the project area but preventing its use by motor vehicles to access the surrounding land.

16. A warning system associated with ice detection (and including visible and audible signals) must be visible from all angles where the project site is accessible from snowmobiles or on foot, and not just from the access road.

17. The communication plan proposed in the registration document must be developed prior to the start of any project development and approved by the Minister. Without it being a condition, the proponent is advised that community members have expressed the desire for communications regarding the benefits of the project, notably regarding the uses of the profits NG could receive. However, if done, this should be done separately from required communications regarding project development or safety.

18. If any documents to be provided or updated through these conditions include Inuktitut words, these should be reviewed as the registration document included mistakes in wildlife terminology.

19. An updated EMPP taking into account these conditions must be provided for approval prior to the start of construction. It should include references for statements and for mitigation measures and their efficiency, when available.

20. The proponent must provide an assessment of cumulative effects and a review of alternative means of carrying out the initiative that are technically and economically feasible and the environmental effects of those alternative means prior to the start of any development, and comply with any additional mitigation measures or conditions deemed necessary by the Minister after review.