

Appendix J
Aboriginal Consultation Summary



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June 8th ,2009

Chief Georgina Thompson

Sheguiandah First Nation

PO Box 101

Sheguiandah, Ontario

POP 1W0

**RE: McLean's Mountain Wind Farm, Northland Power Inc.
Notice of Project Restart and PIC #2**

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A one-on-one meeting would be an opportune time to:

- Better understand your interest in the area;
- Provide you with information on the McLeans Mountain Wind Farm Study;
- Solicit any information you would like to share regarding the proposed wind farm area;
- Engage your First Nation in a meaningful way;
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Yours very truly,

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Rick Martin
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June 8th ,2009

Chief Craig Abotossaway
Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation
RR #1, Box 21
Little Current, Ontario
POP 1K0

**RE: McLean's Mountain Wind Farm, Northland Power Inc.
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Rick Martin
Northland Power Inc.



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June 8th ,2009

Mr. Art Jacko
Manager of Lands and Resources
United Chiefs and Councils of Manitoulin
1110 Hwy 551 PO Box 275
M'Chigeeng First Nation
Ontario P0P 1G0

**RE: McLean's Mountain Wind Farm, Northland Power Inc.
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Dear Mr. Jacko,

Northland Power Inc. (NPI) would like to follow up with the United Chiefs and Councils of Manitoulin regarding the McLean's Mountain Wind Farm Project and our initial contact with your council. Dillon Consulting Ltd. (Dillon) has been retained by NPI to conduct an environmental screening process for a proposed wind farm south of Little Current, in the Municipality of North Eastern Manitoulin and the Islands. The wind farm is expected to be approximately of 77 MW in size.

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Rick Martin

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June 8th ,2009

Chief Hazel Fox-Recollet
Wikwemikong First Nation

Wikwemikong, Ontario

RE: McLean's Mountain Wind Farm, Northland Power Inc.
Notice of Project Restart and PIC #2

Dear Chief and Council,

Northland Power Inc. (NPI) would like to follow up with the Wikwemikong First Nation regarding the McLean's Mountain Wind Farm Project and our ongoing communications with your community. Dillon Consulting Ltd. (Dillon) has been retained by NPI to conduct an environmental screening process for a proposed wind farm south of Little Current, in the Municipality of North East Manitoulin and the Islands. The wind farm is expected to be approximately of 77 MW in size.

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June 8th ,2009

Chief Elizabeth Laford
Sheshegwaning First Nation
General Delivery
Silverwater, Ontario
POP 1X0

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Rick Martin
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Chief Franklin Paibomsai
Whitefish River First Nation
General Delivery
Birch Island, Ontario
POP 1A0

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Chief Irene Sagon Kells
Zhiibaahaasing First Nation
General Delivery
Silverwater, Ontario
POP 1Y0

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Chief Isadore Bebamash
M'Chigeeng, On
POP1G0
Band Office

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July 15th, 2009

Sue Chiblow
Environmental Coordinator
Chiefs of Ontario
c/o Nishnawbe-Aski Nation
RR#4 Suite 101, 90 Anemki Dr.
Thunder Bay, ON P7J 1A5

**RE: McLean's Mountain Wind Farm, Northland Power Inc.
Notice of Completion**

Dear Sue Chiblow:

In its ongoing efforts to keep Nishnawbe-Aski Nation informed on the McLean's Mountain Wind Farm Project (the Project), Northland Power Inc. (NPI) is sending this letter to you as an update to the Project.

As you know, NPI is the proponent for the McLean's Mountain Wind Farm ("Project") located approximately three (3) kilometers south of the Town of Little Current, Ontario in the Municipality of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands. As detailed in our letter and the Notice of Project Restart sent to you in June of 2009, the Project is a Category "B" project under the Ontario Ministry of the Environment's *Guide to Environmental Assessment Requirements for Electricity Projects* (March, 2001).

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the mandated 30 day public and agency review period. During this review period, you may submit comments on the ESR. If your community would like to obtain a hard copy of the ESR, please send an email or written request to the contact below.

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Rick Marin
Northland Power Inc.



July 15th, 2009

Patrick Madahbee
Chief
Aundeck Omni Kaning (Sucker Creek) First Nation
13 Hill Street, R.R. #1, Box 21
Little Current, ON P0P 1K0

**RE: McLean's Mountain Wind Farm, Northland Power Inc.
Notice of Completion**

Dear Chief Patrick Madahbee:

In its ongoing efforts to keep Aundeck Omni Kaning (Sucker Creek) First Nation informed on the McLean's Mountain Wind Farm Project (the Project), Northland Power Inc. (NPI) is sending this letter to you as an update to the Project.

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Georgina Thompson
Chief
Sheguiandah First Nation
P.O. Box 101
Sheguiandah, ON P0P 1W0

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Band Manager
Sheguiandah First Nation
P.O. Box 101
Sheguiandah, ON P0P 1W0

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P.O. Box 2
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July 15th, 2009

Grantnt Taibossgai
Economic Development Officer
West Bay (M'Chigeeng) First Nation
P.O. Box 2
M'Chigeeng, ON P0P 1G0

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Franklin Paibomsai
Chief
Whitefish River First Nation
46 Bay of Islands Road
Birch Island, ON POP 1A0

**RE: McLean's Mountain Wind Farm, Northland Power Inc.
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Hazel Fox-Recollett
Chief
Wikwemikong First Nation
P.O. Box 112
Wikwemikong, ON P0P 2J0

**RE: McLean's Mountain Wind Farm, Northland Power Inc.
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Roger Peltier
Power Development
Wikwemikong First Nation
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Wikwemikong, ON P0P 2J0

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Mellisa Cooper
Environmental Coordinator
Wikwemikong First Nation
P.O. Box 112
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**RE: McLean's Mountain Wind Farm, Northland Power Inc.
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Irene Sagon Kells
Chief
Zhiibaahaasing First Nation
General Delivery
Silverwater, ON P0P 1Y0

**RE: McLean's Mountain Wind Farm, Northland Power Inc.
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Dear Chief Irene Sagon Kells:

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Hazel Recollet
CEO
United Chiefs and Councils of Manitoulin
1110 Hwy 551, P.O. Box 275
M'Chigeeng, ON P0P 1G0

**RE: McLean's Mountain Wind Farm, Northland Power Inc.
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Allan Dokis
Intergovernmental Affairs Director
Union of Ontario Indians
POBox 711
North Bay, ON P1B 8J8

**RE: McLean's Mountain Wind Farm, Northland Power Inc.
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Cora-Lee McGuire
Health Policy Analyst
Ontario Natives Women's Association
212 East Miles Street
Thunder Bay, ON P7C 1J6

**RE: McLean's Mountain Wind Farm, Northland Power Inc.
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Sally Ledger
Executive Director
Ontario Natives Women's Association
212 East Miles Street
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Métis Nation of Ontario
20 Division Street
Welland, ON L3B 3Z6

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Yours Very Truly,

Rick Marin
Northland Power Inc.



July 15th, 2009

Bob Waldon
Métis Nation of Ontario
20 Division Street
Welland, ON L3B 3Z6

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Notice of Completion**

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Correspondence

**Telephone consultation with Ontario Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs
Tuesday July 21, 2009**

Beatrice Ashby (Dillon consulting Limited) consulted, via telephone, with Mr. Martin Rukavina (416.327.9594) a representative of the Ontario Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs, Aboriginal and Ministry Relationships Branch on the First Nations to be consulted for the proposed McLean's Mountain Wind Farm Project.

The conversation between Ms. Ashby and Mr. Rukavina took place on July 21, 2009 at 12:55 p.m. (EST).

The following was the outcome of this discussion:

- OMAA advised that a formal response to the Northland Power Inc's (NPI) Notice of Project Restart (June 2009) for the proposed McLean's Mountain Wind Farm Project was in the process of being developed at the OMAA offices. OMAA also advised they were consulting with the Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure on preparing the response to the Notice of Project Restart submitted to OMAA by NPI and that the response from OMAA providing more information on the geographical extent of the First Nation claims in the proposed project area will be mailed out once it is internally approved.
- OMAA advised that in addition to the First Nations and Aboriginal organizations that were already contacted by NPI i.e., Aundeck Omni Kaning (Sucker Creek), Sheguiandah First Nation, West Bay (M'Chigeeng) First Nation, Whitefish River First Nation, Wikwemikong First Nation, Zhiibaahaasing First Nation, United Chiefs and Councils of Manitoulin, Union of Ontario Indians, Ontario Natives Women's Association and the Métis Nation of Ontario, the following First Nations also be contacted by NPI:
 - Sagamok First Nation
 - Serpent River First Nation
- OMAA also advised that the following Métis organizations be consulted:
 - Ms. Pauline Sulnier - Regional representative—provisional council of the Métis Nation of Ontario. Sudbury Métis Council, 4 Richelieu Street, Penatengueshene, Ontario L9M 1H8, Tel: 705.549.4410
 - Metis Conslutation Unit, Métis Nations of Ontario, 500 Old St. Patrick St, Unit D Ottawa, Ontario K1N 9G4, Tel: 613.725.4225



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Dillon Consulting Limited
1155 North Service Road West, Unit 14
OAKVILLE ON L6M 3E3

Re: Northland Power Inc. – McLean's Mountain Wind Farm Project

Dear Ms. Ashby:

I am responding to your email sent to the Assessment and Historical Research Directorate, dated June 12, 2009.

Our Directorate can confirm that there are no comprehensive or special claims to the proposed wind farm project in the Municipality of North East Manitoulin and the Islands, Ontario as identified in your letter.

We cannot make any comments regarding potential or future claims, or claims filed under other departmental policies. These include claims under Canada's Specific Claims Policy or legal action by a First Nation against the Crown. For more information on these, I suggest you contact the Specific Claims Branch at (819) 994-2323 and the Litigation Management and Resolution Branch at (819) 934-2185.

Thank you for your inquiries and I trust that this addresses your concerns.

Sincerely,

for Joëlle Montminy, Director General
Negotiations – Central
Assessment and Historical Research

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-----Original Message-----

From: Leah Lloyd [<mailto:Leah.Lloyd@ainc-inac.gc.ca>]

Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2009 5:52 PM

To: Ashby, Beatrice

Cc: Ralph Vachon

Subject: Re: Fwd: Northland Power Inc. - McLean's Mountain Wind FarmProject

Ms. Ashby,

I am writing in response to your e-mail of June 12, 2009, addressed to Don Boswell inquiring about claims in the above noted area.

We have conducted a brief search of our records and determined that the following First Nations in the vicinity of the area of interest have submitted specific claims:

Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation
PO Box 610, MASSEY, ON P0P 1P0
(705) 865-2421

Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation
R.R. #1, Box 21, LITTLE CURRENT, ON P0P 1K0
(705) 368-2228

Wiwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve
PO BOX 112, WIKWEMIKONG, ON P0P 2J0
(705) 859-3122

M'Chigeeng First Nation
PO BOX 2 M'CHIGEENG ON P0P 1G0
(705) 377-5362

In addition, there are First Nations in the vicinity of your area of interest. You may wish to contact the First Nations to advise them of your intentions. They can be reached at:

Whitefish Lake First Nation
PO BOX 39, NAUGHTON, ON P0M 2M0
(705) 692-3651

Saugeen First Nation No.29
Highway #21, R.R. #1, SOUTHAMPTON, ON NOH 2L0
(519) 797-2781

Serpent River First Nation
PO Box 14 195 Village Road, CUTLER, ON P0P 1B0
(705) 844-2418

Sheguiandah First Nation
PO Box 101 SHEGUIANDAH, ON P0P 1W0
(705) 368-2781

Please rest assured that it is the policy of the Government of Canada as expressed in The Specific Claims Policy and Process Guide that "in any settlement of specific native claims the government will take third party interests into account. As a general rule, the government will not accept any settlement which will lead to third parties being dispossessed."

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You may also wish to visit <http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ai/mr/is/acp/acp-eng.asp> on the INAC website for information regarding the Federal Action Plan on Aboriginal Consultation and Accommodation.

To the best of our knowledge, the information we have provided you is current and up to date. However, this information may not be exhaustive with regard to your needs and you may wish to consider seeking information from other government and private

sources (including Aboriginal groups). In addition, please note that Canada does not act as a representative for any Aboriginal group for the purpose of any claim or the purpose of consultation.

I hope this information will be of assistance to you. I trust that this satisfactorily addresses your concerns. If you wish to discuss this matter further please contact me at (819) 953 4880.

Sincerely,

Leah Lloyd
Claims Analyst
Ontario Research Team
Specific Claims Branch

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Specific Claims

Dear Mr. Boswell,

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From: Nicole Cheechoo [<mailto:Nicole.Cheechoo@ainc-inac.gc.ca>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2009 4:22 PM
To: Ashby, Beatrice
Cc: McKinnon, Don
Subject: Re: FW: Northland Power Inc. - McLean's Mountain Wind FarmProject

Hi Beatrice, a response letter was sent, you should receive it shortly advising there are no special claims or comprehensive claims to the area you identify in your request.

Thanks,

Nicole Cheechoo
Claims Assessment Officer
Assessment and Historical Research Directorate, INAC
Telephone: (819) 997-3499
Fax: (819) 934-1366

If you receive this in error, please contact the sender and delete the material from any computer.

>>> "Ashby, Beatrice" <BAshby@dillon.ca> Tuesday, July 14, 2009 12:15 PM >>>

Dear Ms. Cheechoo,

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Sent: Friday, June 12, 2009 12:49 PM
To: 'Nicole.Cheechoo@ainc-inac.gc.ca'
Subject: FW: Northland Power Inc. - McLean's Mountain Wind Farm Project

Map attached.

From: Ashby, Beatrice
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2009 12:46 PM
To: 'Nicole.Cheechoo@ainc-inac.gc.ca'
Subject: Northland Power Inc. - McLean's Mountain Wind Farm Project

INAC Comprehensive Claims

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-----Original Message-----

From: Marc-André Millaire [<mailto:MarcAndre.Millaire@ainc-inac.gc.ca>]
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2009 12:11 PM
To: Ashby, Beatrice
Subject: Fwd: Northland Power Inc. - McLean's Mountain Wind FarmProject

Beatrice Ashby
Dillon Consulting Limited
BAshby@dillon.ca

Dear Ms. Ashby:

I am writing in response to your email of June 12, 2009 inquiring about any claims that may affect the subject property.

We can advise that our inventory includes litigation cases in the vicinity of this property. They are entitled: Henvey Inlet First Nation as represented by its duly elected Chief and Council (Plaintiff) v. Stacy McQuabbie; Jackie Pearce (Defendants) and Between Stacy McQuabbie; Jackie Pearce; Verna Friday (Plaintiffs by Counterclaim) v. Henvey Inlet First Nation; Her Majesty the Queen Elizabeth II; Her Majesty the Queen in the Right of Canada; Her Majesty the Queen in the Right of Ontario; Pope Benedict XVI; The Vatican State (Defendants to Counterclaim), Ontario Superior Court of Justice, court reference #CV-2007-155; Chief Jim Twain personally and on behalf of all other members of the Temagami First Nation and the Teme-Augama Anishnaba v. Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario and Canada, filed in Ottawa, court file reference # 97-CV-2759; and Moose Deer Point First Nation, Chief Edward Williams suing on his own behalf and on behalf of the members of Moose Deer Point First Nation v. Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario, Superior Court of Justice File #01-CV-220612CM.

I am unable to comment with respect to the possible effect of these claims as the cases have not yet been adjudicated and any statement regarding the outcome of the litigation would be speculative at this point. It is recommended that you consult legal counsel as to the effect these actions could have on the lands you are concerned with.

If you are interested in further details about the claims, copies of the pleadings can be obtained from the Court for a fee; please contact the appropriate Court Registry Office and make reference to the court file numbers listed above.

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If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me at (819) 994-1947.

Sincerely,

Marc-André Millaire
Litigation Team Leader
Eastern Litigation Directorate
Litigation Management and Resolution Branch

>>> "Ashby, Beatrice" <BAshby@dillon.ca> 6/12/2009 12:45 PM >>>

INAC - Litigation Management and Resolution Branch

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Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve No. 26

19 A Complex Drive, P.O. Box 112
Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0

October 24, 2008

Mr. John Brace, President & CEO
Northland Power Inc.
30 St. Clair Ave. W., 17th Floor
Toronto, Ontario
M4V 3A1

Dear Mr. Brace:

This letter is to confirm our ongoing communications with Northland Power regarding the proposed establishment of a Wind generation facility to be located at Mclean's Mountain site, south of Little Current, Ontario - Manitoulin Island.

Representatives of the Wikwemikong Unceded First Nation have been meeting with representatives of Northland Power since the summer of 2006 regarding the progress of respective wind energy developments on Manitoulin Island.

During this time, information has been shared and a positive relationship established in order to outline options to advance the wind energy projects of both Wikwemikong and Northland Power. Specifically, the transmission system on Manitoulin Island is severely restricted as to it's capability to accommodate planned generation projects. Given the location of proposed projects and proponents involved, a short term solution is that Northland Power connect to the 115 KV line at the Manitoulin TS. Other proponents (including Wikwemikong) on the Hydro One distribution queue can proceed with projects under the re-issued standard offer program. To accommodate this solution, Northland Power withdrew pursuance of its connection rights on the Hydro One queue. As a result, Wikwemikong Unceded First Nation and M' Chigeeng First Nation can proceed with their respective community power projects.


We understand that Northland Power is currently bidding into RES III to secure a power purchase agreement to develop the McLean's Mountain project on Manitoulin Island. Northland Power has requested that Wikwemikong confirm that engagement and consultation has commenced and will continue with Wikwemikong through the Environmental Assessment and permitting process. Further to this, a consultation and accommodation agreement will be entered into between Northland Power and the Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve.

Telephone: (705) 859-3122
Fax: (705) 859-3851

Manitoulin Island is in a unique situation with respect to its wind energy potential and First Nations population in favor of renewable energy development. We have a common interest with government and industry to see renewable energy projects succeed on Manitoulin in order to achieve the longer term potential.

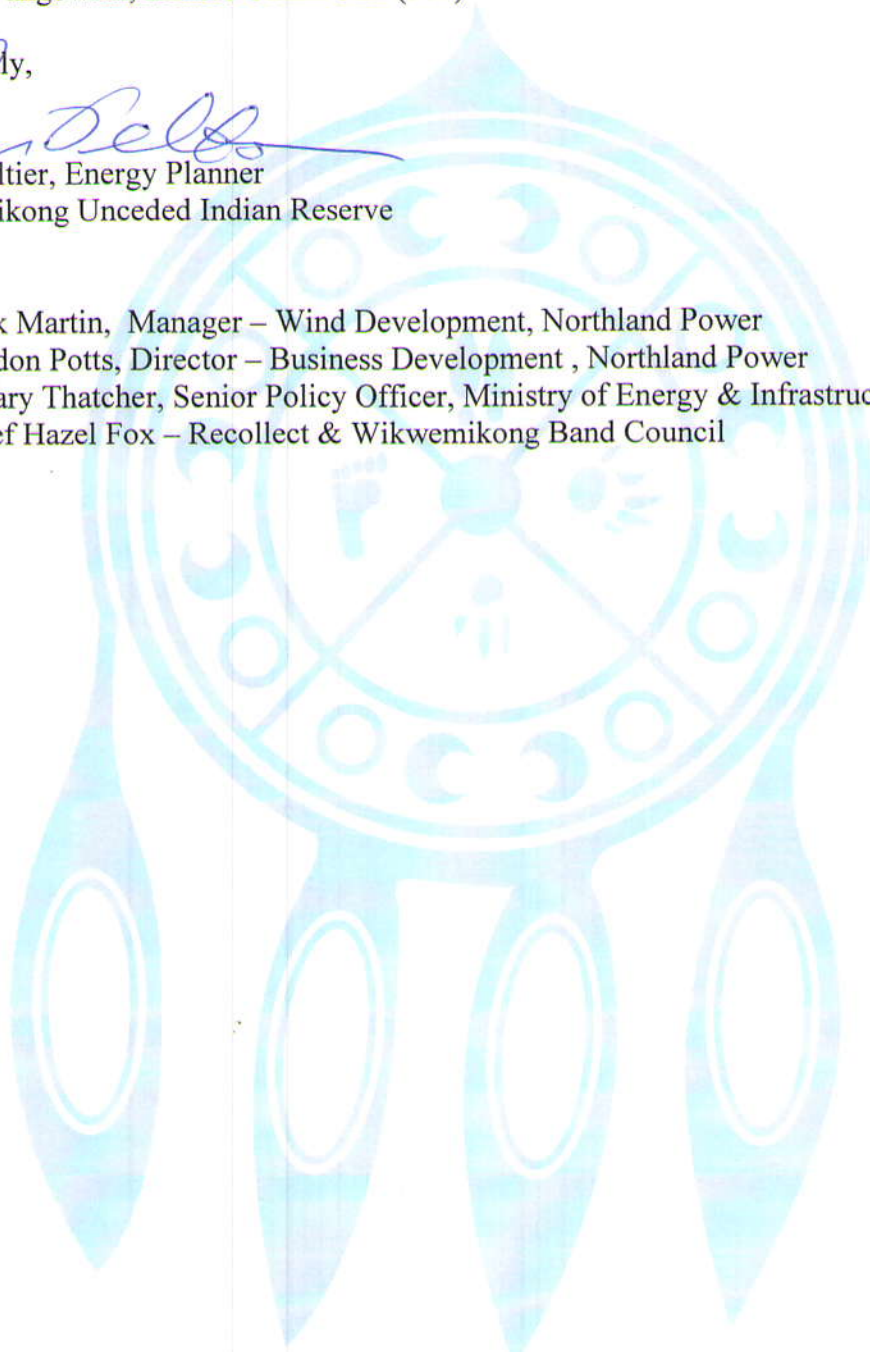
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (705) 859 -3128 or Rolland Pangowish, Islands Claim Unit (705) 859 -3175.

Yours truly,



Roger Peltier, Energy Planner
Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve

c.c. Rick Martin, Manager – Wind Development, Northland Power
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Chief Hazel Fox – Recollect & Wikwemikong Band Council



First Nations Consultations and Engagement

Over the past 5 years we have met formally and informally with four (4) First Nations communities, the Aundec Omnikaning, Sheguiandah, Wikwemikong, and M'Chigeeng to determine their concerns and expectations regarding the proposed Generating Facility. Each of these four communities have different interests and expectations.

Through our meetings with the Aundec Omnikaning Chief, Patrick Mahdahbee, we have learned that their construction company is able to assist in the construction of the proposed Contract Facility. During development they have provided equipment and labour to assist us to drill core samples for a preliminary geotechnical study on 3 locations on McLeans Mountain. Furthermore, we have agreed to stipulate to our BOP contractor, that they use to the extent reasonably possible, employees and machinery from the neighboring first nations communities.

Follow-up meetings have been planned and will focus on reaching the community for their questions, comments, and aboriginal and treaty concerns.

At Sheguiandah Chief Georgina Thompson and former band manager Vicky Corbiere along with current band manager Audrey Bone have all been very supportive of the project. They are currently considering our proposal to them to option to Northland Power Inc. 400 acres of their land which would be included in the proposed Generating Facility. Also, the Chief has requested that we employ a "few" of her young people to try to motivate them into pursuing an interest in the construction or operation of wind farms. She felt that this would be a big win for their community. A meeting in the form of a community forum has been agreed upon and we are awaiting a mutually agreed upon date to do this.

M'Chigeeng and Wikwemikong have both been developing wind projects of their own on Manitoulin Island. We met with Chief Joe Hare, of M'Chigeeng and Chief Robert Corbiere of Wikwemikong at our Toronto Office to discuss the availability of distribution system capacity for the Standard Offer Projects that all of our organizations were trying to develop. This contentious issue has been diffused by our indication that we would pursue a larger project connected to the 115 kV transmission system. We have also worked closely with 2 people from Wikwemikong, Roger Peltier, Energy Development and Mellisa Cooper, Environmental Coordinator. We met also met with the economic development officer of the M'Chigeeng at a conference in Toronto in August 2008.

Wikwemikong is an Unceded First Nation. Chief Corbiere along with his team in renewable energy development have been in contact with us for the past 4 years. Chief Robert Corbiere and Roger Peltier met with us in Toronto the same time as did Chief Hare of M'Chigeeng. The Chief was very responsive to our offer to assist with supporting their interests in pursuing line upgrades for Manitoulin Island. We were invited to a First Nations Energy Alliance conference hosted by Wikwemikong on Feb 13,14 2007 at Casino Rama. Wikwemikong has a strong interest in new development on Manitoulin and as stated above this includes the development of wind farms. We have

met many times to discuss how we can assist one another and we are to meet with them in the near future to discuss, as consultation, their interest in this area from a first nations rights point of view.

We also met on Site and in Toronto with Pam Simpson from INAC who was able to advise us on some of the First Nations issues, specific to Manitoulin Island.

Also Northland Power Inc. has retained the services of Adam Chamberlain of law firm BLG. Adam is experienced in negotiating mutually acceptable arrangements between developers and First Nation Communities.

Also we have met with Hillary Thatcher, Senior Policy Advisor for First Nation Issues, Ministry of Energy.

Engagement Efforts with respect to Aboriginal Communities

Internal Personnel

Rick Martin
Manager, Business Development

Related Experience

Has made contact with all communities over past 4 years
Overseen work on site using First Nations equipment and support
Has a First Nations background (Moose Cree)

Gordon Potts
Director, Business Development

Has contacted First Nations with Rick and frequently by phone relating to power related issues.

Victor Pergat
Vice President, Development

Has had extensive experience with First Nations in the Province of Quebec with Wind Power projects in that area. Also experience from military background in Northern Canada including Commanding of the FN Rangers and using support of FN for Military exercises and supply delivery.

Outside Advisers

Adam Chamberlain
Lawyer, BLG Toronto

Adam successfully negotiated a mutually acceptable agreement with First Nations and the developer regarding the Adams Mine Open pit site south of Kirkland Lake, On for use of Toronto garbage disposal.

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History of Meetings held With First Nations With this Project

Several emails and telephone calls have been made to the First Nation Communities in this project area. Sheguiandah, Andec Omnikaning, Wikwemikong, M'Chigeeng

- July 04 Meeting with Patrick Madahbee and council discussing project type and design
Rick Martin, Johnathan Sandler
- June 06 Discussions with Wikwemikong on Power development and their activities going forward.
Victor Pergat, Rick Martin
- July-Oct 06 Several visits to Wikwemikong at band office to discuss treaty vs non treaty items.
Rick Martin
- Dec 06 Met with Roger Peltier on project progress and there concerns about distribution capacity
Was invited to conference hosted by Wikwemikong at Rama in Feb.
Rick Martin
- Feb 07 Attended Casino Rama "First Nations Energy Alliance" Conference
Victor Pergat, Gordon Potts, Rick Martin
- April 07 Met with Chief Joe Hare of M'Chigeeng, Chief Robert Corbiere of Wikwemikong and Roger Peltier
in Toronto NPI Offices. Discussed how we could work together to all succeed on Manitoulin grid.
John Brace NPI CEO/PRES, Victor Pergat, Gordon Potts, Rick Martin
- May 07 Visited the Minister of Energy's office with Chief Corbiere and Roger Peltier to appeal for line upgrades.
Gord Potts, John Brace, Victor Pergat
- July 07 Meeting with Chief Hare discussing their presentation to take to the minister about SOC's and
distribution rights. Roger Peltier and Millissa Cooper attended on behalf of Wikwemikong.
Rick Martin
- August 07 Wikwemikong comes back with PPT presentation to show its response to the Minister.
e-mail to Rick Martin
- April 08 Meeting with Pam Simpson from INAC to discuss treaty rights of First Nations and to understand
how Wikwemikong as unceded fits in to mix.
Rick Martin
- April 08 Follow-up meeting at INAC offices with Pam Simpson to discuss treated lands.
Gord Potts
- May 08 Meeting at Anchor Inn at Little Current with Roger Peltier and Rolland Pangowish regarding their
concerns with our bidding SOC's
Rick Martin
- June 08 Discussions with Sheguiandah First Nations about using their ceremonial lands to erect turbines.
Rick Martin

- July 08 Dinner Meeting with Band Manager Audry Bone and one Councillor to discuss further the use of Seguiandah lands and introduce the group to an informal layout for turbines and roads.
Victor Pergat, Rick Martin
- July 08 Meeting with Chief Patrick Madahbee at Band Office to talk to him about project layout and confirming our interest in using the services that the Community can provide.
Victor Pergat, Rick Martin
- Aug 08 Attended Can WEA "Wind and Aboriginal Lands" Conference in Ottawa met with Audrey Bone of Sheguiandah.
Rick Martin
- Oct 08 Talked with Rolland Pangowish and Roger Peltier are very happy that we could work out agreement to share line uses.
Rick Martin
- Oct 08 Informed Sheguiandah (Chief Thompson) and Aundec Omnikaning (Chief Madahbee) of plan to complete stage 1 Archeological Study and invited their attendance and review.

In addition to the above meetings several emails and telephone calls have been made to the First Nation Communities in this project area. Sheguiandah, Aundec Omnikaning, Wikwemikong, M'Chigeeng

MEMORANDUM

Meeting at Sheguiandah First Nations from 3:00 to 4:00 PM June 6, 2009 with United Chiefs of Manitoulin (UCCM)

- 1) In attendance
 - a. Northland
 - i. Rick Martin, Manager Business Development
 - ii. Gordon Potts, Director Business Development
 - b. UCCM
 - i. Chief Elizabeth Laford: Sheshegwaning
 - ii. Chief Franklin Paibomsai: Whitefish River
 - iii. Chief Georgina Thompson: Sheguiandah
 - iv. Patrick Madahbee UCCM, CEO
 - v. Art Jacko Manager of Lands & Resources UCCM
- 2) Discussed
 - a. UCCM initiative to create a protocol for all first nations of the UCCM to follow for engagement with developers
 - b. Northland's intention to complete permitting and FN consultations to ensure that the McLeans Mountain project can begin the construction phase as soon as conditions (economic and other) are favorable.
 - c. Chief Franklin Paibomsai mentioned that as the Aundeck Omni Kaning and Sheguiandah were the nearest FN's and that these FN would likely have the greatest interest in this project.
 - d. Northland advised that a public meeting would be held June 25, 2009 that the UCCM and the individual FN would be invited and encouraged to come, but that we are willing to meet separately with them later.
 - e. UCCM desire to have project create jobs for FN members.



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DATE: July 17, 2009

SUBJECT: Northland Power Wind Farm Project

SENT BY:

ART JACKO,
Lands & Resources Officer

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Re: Northland Power Wind Farm Project

Dear Ministers:

The United Chiefs and Councils of Manitoulin ("UCCM") is writing to formally express our concerns regarding the proposed wind farm project on McLean's mountain, Manitoulin Island and to formally register to the Ministries that UCCM at this time is objecting to the development and approval of the wind farm project on McLean's Mountain. The rationale for our decision is:

1. There has been **No Meaningful Consultation** between UCCM First Nations and the proponent. The original meeting between UCCM and the proponent was an agreed information session only (see attached email). This is following our Relationship Law recently developed by UCCM. The purpose of the meeting was introduction and to identify next steps. UCCM Chiefs made it very clear, more information was required to make an informed decision regarding any environmental and health impacts, impacts on Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and the requirement for consultation. The UCCM Chiefs have also indicated any meetings they had with the proponent were only information and were in no way consultations.

UCCM was not surprised when the proponent has issued a Notice of Completion of the Environmental screening report and has indicated in a local news media that they have consulted with UCCM First Nations. This clearly demonstrates to UCCM the business moral and ethics of the proponent. This should also send a clear message to the Ministries the problems associated to delegating the duty to consult with First Nations to proponents, even at procedural aspects. It is also unclear to UCCM the meaning / definition of procedural aspects and request clarification from the Ministries.

As a result of the proponent's action, UCCM and its member First Nation are not interested in meeting with the proponent or any proponent in the future to discuss consultation let alone accommodation. We expect the government to fulfill their legal obligation on the duty to consult and accommodate First Nations as outline in the Supreme Court of Canada decisions. We will no longer meet or have discussions with any proponents regarding consultation or accommodation. It is unfortunate UCCM has to take this position, but it is clear to us, the actions by some proponents, leaves no other alternative.

2. The proponent has failed to provide to UCCM information requested as outline in our letter to the proponent on June 16, 2009. (letter attached)

We find the actions of the proponent to be disrespectful to the UCCM leadership and have significantly damage any future relationship with UCCM First Nations. The actions of the proponent should not be acceptable in any business environment and in particular business environment on Manitoulin Island.

We look forward to an expeditious response from all your Ministries in regarding the above.

Sincerely,



Chief Franklin Paibomsai
Tribal Chair

CC: UCCM Chiefs
Grand Council Chief Pat Madahbee, UOI
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June 19, 2009

Rick Martin
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Re: McLean's Mountain Wind Farm

Dear Mr Martin:


Thank you for your letter of June 8, 2009 regarding your wind farm project on McLean's Mountain and your request for a follow up meeting with UCCM. As you may recall at our initial discussion and subsequent email requesting further information, to date, the information requested has not been provided to UCCM.

This information is required so that UCCM can conduct an internal assessment to determine the appropriate level of consultation. Therefore, before any further meetings with UCCM, the information must be provided. The information that was requested is as follows:

1. Map of turbine location
2. All studies conducted as a result of the project
3. Environmental and Health Impact studies / reports
4. Contract standards
5. Employment standards
6. Timeline / schedule

We look forward to receiving the information, so that we may continue our discussions.

Respectfully,


Art Jacko
UCCM Manager of Lands & Resources

Cc UCCM Board

Art Jacko

From: rickmartin [rickmartin@northlandpower.ca]
Sent: Friday, June 05, 2009 4:05 PM
To: Art Jacko; RickMartin; Gordon Potts
Subject: Re: UCCM

Will be in touch soon.

Rick

Sent wirelessly from my BlackBerry device on the Bell network.
Envoyé sans fil par mon terminal mobile BlackBerry sur le réseau de Bell.

From: Art Jacko
Date: Fri, 5 Jun 2009 15:58:21 -0400
To: RickMartin<rick.martin@Northlandpower.ca>; Gordon Potts<gordon.potts@Northlandpower.ca>
Subject: UCCM
Good afternoon

Further to the information exchange yesterday and determining future involvement, I am requesting

1. Map of turbine location
2. All studies in support of the project
3. Contract standards
4. Employment standards
5. Timeline / schedule

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Art Jacko

From: Gordon Potts [gordon.potts@Northlandpower.ca]
Sent: Monday, June 01, 2009 2:03 PM
To: Art Jacko; RickMartin
Subject: RE: Meeting with UCCM Chiefs

Thanks. That sounds fine. I look forward to meeting you on Thursday.

Best regards,

Gordon

From: Art Jacko [mailto:ajacko@uccm.ca]
Sent: Monday, June 01, 2009 1:37 PM
To: RickMartin; Gordon Potts
Subject: Meeting with UCCM Chiefs

Good afternoon

Thank you for the PowerPoint presentation for information purposes. I will forward the information.

The meeting is with the UCCM Board, which are the Chiefs & Councils of the member communities.

Chief Isadore Bebamash:	M'Chigeeng
Chief Elizabeth Laford:	Sheshegwaning
Chief Irene Kells:	Zhiibaahaasing
Chief Shining Turtle:	Whitefish River
Chief Craig Abotossaway:	Aundeck Omni Kaning
Chief Georgina Thompson:	Sheguiandah
Hazel Recollet:	UCCM, CEO

Further to our discussion today Rick and our verbal agreement, the meeting is for information purposes only and is in no way to be construed or used as consultations with UCCM First Nations regarding your project. After the meeting with the UCCM Leadership, next steps may be identified including the process for consultation with UCCM First Nations.

I look forward to meeting you on the 4th.

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