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EA Reg. #2327

Dean Comand
Exploits Valley Renewable Energy Corporation (EVREC)
P.O. Box 5038
St. John's, NL A1C 6K3

Dear Dean Comand:

RE: Botwood and Area EVREC Green Energy Project (the Project)

Your proposal has been reviewed by an interdepartmental environmental assessment screening committee (EAC) and an opportunity to comment has been provided to the public as required by Part X of the Newfoundland and Labrador **Environmental Protection Act, SNL 2002, cE-14.2**. Upon consideration of the input from the EAC and comments received by the public, please be advised that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required.

Additional Project information is required to describe, at a minimum, the following:

- scope of the Project;
- source water supply, water balance, and water resources management;
- greenhouse gas emissions;
- power supply from the provincial grid;
- waste management plans;
- erosion and sediment and control measures;
- air quality, emissions and fogging;
- wastewater, effluent streams and outfall locations;
- potential human health impacts;
- noise, shadow flicker and solar glare;
- location of Project components, including but not limited to:
 - wind turbines;
 - worker accommodations;
 - offices;
 - explosive storage facilities;
 - access roads and heavy haul road;
 - power lines and substations;
 - setbacks and proximity to sensitive receptors;



- flora and fauna, including, but not limited to:
 - terrestrial fauna;
 - avifauna;
 - bats;
 - fish and fish habitat;
 - species at risk and species of special concern;
- archaeological resources;
- outfitters; and
- occupational information.

An Environmental Assessment Committee will be appointed for the purpose of providing you with technical and scientific advice regarding the preparation of the EIS and the detailed information to be included. As per the legislative requirements, within 120 days of the date of this letter, you will be issued guidelines for the completion of the EIS.

In accordance with the **Environmental Protection Act**, Project activities may not proceed until the Project is released from environmental assessment. The Project is subject to environmental assessment fees as described on the department's website at <https://www.gov.nl.ca/ecc/env-assessment/fees/>.

If you have any questions about the environmental assessment process, please contact Joanne Sweeney, Director of the Environmental Assessment Division, at (709) 729-0673 or via e-mail at joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Dempster", written over a horizontal line.

HON. LISA DEMPSTER, MHA

District of Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair
Minister

Enclosures

Cc: Pleaman Forsey, MHA, District of Exploits
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