

# **Appendix F**

## **Stakeholder Correspondence**

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Lance Hildebrand	Sept 4, 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What happened to DP Energy?; Are they still involved in this project?; and Who do you work for and what is their role in this project?</li> <li>• How many proposed turbines will sit further than 5 kilometres from the closest point on Lake Superior?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DP Energy is still involved as shareholders in the Project.</li> <li>• DP Energy are experienced wind developers who identified the Bow Lake site in 2007 and completed the initial feasibility, engineering, and regulatory work on the Project.</li> <li>• BluEarth Renewables Inc. became involved in the Project in 2011 as the lead partner and is leading the development, regulatory approvals, construction and operation of the Project.</li> <li>• BluEarth is a privately owned Canadian Renewable Energy developer headquartered in Calgary, Alberta.</li> <li>• Stantec has been retained by BluEarth to assist in coordinating the regulatory approvals for the Project.</li> <li>• The Project will consist of up to 36 wind turbines. All of the 36 wind turbines are located further than 5 km from the closest point on the Lake Superior coastline.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comment noted</li> </ul>	August 27, 2012
Keith Clarida – Clarida Construction and Maintenance	August 31, 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has been watching all of the rhetoric around the upcoming meeting and wished the Project Team well in endeavours.</li> <li>• The people organizing the “against crowd “ have some very misleading statements in their web ads</li> <li>• Specified that their company is currently doing the maintenance of the Prince Wind 1 and 2; and is also part of the procurement team for the project.</li> <li>• Provided information concerning their focus on the disturbance of wild life in the area. The population of Moose and Deer increased by a factor of 3.</li> <li>• The wind farm has created a type of</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appreciated support and the information about wild life around the Prince Wind Farm.</li> <li>• Inquired if the increase in Moose and Deer have been surveyed and documented in any publically available reports?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comment noted</li> </ul>	Sept. 4, 2012

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		<p>sanctuary for them and they are now readily found throughout the area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>			
<p>Gillan Richards  (Executive)  Save Ontario's  Algoma Region  (SOAR)</p>	<p>August 22,  2012</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expressed organizations concern for the location, date and format of the upcoming project proposal and Public Meeting</li> <li>• Advised that since the regulations have been amended and Phase I and II, will be consider under one REA Application it is critical that citizens are aware of this change</li> <li>• Members of public should be aware that the change will result in fewer opportunities to be consulted and register their concerns such as the impact the 36 turbines will have on: one of the most beautiful and unique wilderness regions in North America; Lake Superior, Pancake Bay and Batchewana Provincial Parks; the designation of this region as Lake Superior Heritage Coast; the wildlife and wildlife habitat; and the District of Algoma's cultural heritage and tourist based economy</li> <li>• The posting date was in a newspaper that not every citizen has access to and during a time when many people are on vacation, also holding a public meeting on September 6, means many citizens may be pre-occupied with family affairs connected to the start of a new school year</li> <li>• The project site is close to Montreal River Harbour, the town of Wawa and the city of Sault Ste. Maire, thus the public meeting should be held in all</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indicated agreement that the location, date, and format of the meeting are important.</li> <li>• The Ministry of Environment has also acknowledged this by specifying requirements for several of these aspects within the Renewable Energy Approval ("REA") regulation, requirements which the Project is following.</li> <li>• The meeting date has been set for after Labour Day long weekend when most people will have returned from summer vacations. In addition to the newspaper publication of the Project Notice, the Notice was also directly mailed to all stakeholders involved. In the event that a stakeholder missed publication or did not receive Notice, the information is also available on the Project website</li> <li>• The location of the public meeting was selected as it is the closest suitable venue to the Project site. Attendance and participation, is encouraged as well as ensuring that the meeting is most accessible to those who reside closest to the proposed Project.</li> <li>• The chosen venue provides an appropriate facility for the event, at a location that is accessible for both residents in close proximity of the Project as well as the nearby urban centre (Sault Ste. Marie), and meets requirements of the REA regulation.</li> <li>• The proposed format of the meeting provides stakeholders the opportunity to review and seek Project information at their own pace, and to ask Project team members</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Project commissioned a Cultural Heritage and Tourism Impact Assessment Report. The draft report was submitted to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport ("MTCS") for review, and the MTCS comment letter was received confirming that the Ministry is satisfied with the heritage assessment.</li> <li>• A copy of the report and MTCS comment letter was posted to the Project website for public review.</li> </ul>	<p>August 28,  2012</p>

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		<p>three centres; as the current location would cause citizens to travel significant distances to attend</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The public meeting has no set time for any formal presentation</li> <li>• The public who attended the Open House Phases 1 and 2 on April 4, 5, and 28, 2011 voiced several concerns about format: the information provided by DP Energy was inadequate; DP energy representatives were not speaking loudly enough; and they did not address concerns adequately</li> <li>• These turbines <i>will</i> impact upon the wildlife, the cultural heritage of the area, the visual beauty—both on the land and from the water, the dark night sky, and the right of local citizens to determine their economic future.</li> <li>• Concerned that the developers’ website makes no reference to the Bow Lake project’s proximity to either Lake Superior Provincial Park or the Lake Superior coast section of the Trans-Canada Highway—one of the most scenic drives in North America visited annually by thousands of tourists throughout all seasons.</li> </ul>	<p>specific questions pertinent to their individual interests or concerns.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the event that a party is unable to attend in person, we have a dedicated email address and phone number that stakeholders may use to obtain Project-related documents, ask questions or to speak directly with a Project team member.</li> <li>• Copies of the display boards from the public meeting will also be posted on the Project website.</li> <li>• There will be two public meetings held for the single REA approach, equivalent to the number of meetings that were still to be held for the separate REA applications. And by combining the two phases into one application, it will be easier for the public to access comprehensive information with respect to the Project, and to understand the proposed Project in its entirety.</li> <li>• Your letter cites a number of concerns related to the proposed Project, many of which have been or continue to be evaluated in REA reports and studies, including a comprehensive Natural Heritage Assessment in accordance with REA regulation and Ministry of Natural Resources requirements.</li> <li>• Concerns regarding cultural heritage and tourism were raised in past public meetings, and in response to those concerns, the Project commissioned studies of these issues. A draft Cultural Heritage and Tourism Impact Assessment Report was prepared, submitted to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (“MTCS”) for review, and the MTCS comment letter was received confirming that the Ministry is satisfied with the heritage assessment.</li> </ul>		

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A copy of the report and MTCS comment letter was posted to the Project website earlier this month for public review.</li> <li>• Advised that if, prior to or after the September 6 public meeting, you and your group would like to discuss the Project and any concerns, then a separate meeting can be arrange. Asked to advise if such a meeting would be beneficial.</li> </ul>		
Gillan Richards (Executive) Save Ontario's Algoma Region (SOAR)	January 11, 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report (Independent Report)</li> <li>• The report submission was in response to Bow Lake Wind Project public meetings held September 6, 2012 and December 13, 2012.</li> <li>• Provided the following reasons why Bow Lake Wind Project Phase 1 &amp; 2 should not be approved:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The MTSC is aware that the Group of Seven heritage research completed by applicant is inadequate and should be addressed;</li> <li>○ Due to the fact that the Trans-Canada Highway was closed at the time of meeting , public consultation requirements were not met and meeting should be reschedule and the 30 day notification given to public;</li> <li>○ Consolidation of both the Phase 1 and 2 into one single project has confused the public and gives reason for rescheduling final consultation process;</li> <li>○ The public meeting should be held in the city, due to the projects potential negative impacts on tourism in Sault Ste. Marie;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Response currently being draft</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comment Noted</li> </ul>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Before approval the collective effects of all the projects in same local area must be assessed as required by the Statements of Environmental Values of the MOE and MNR;</li> <li>○ The MNR has not conducted a comprehensive study of the impact of turbines on migratory birds, bats and wildlife habitat, which should be completed, reported to public and then time provided for public review and consultation;</li> <li>○ Government of Canada is conducting investigation of impacts of turbines on human health, and given proximity of project to Lake Superior Provincial Park no approval should be given until studies are completed, reported to public and opportunity for public consultation;</li> <li>○ No objective assessment was made about impacts of industrializing an unspoiled wilderness area, on human mental health;</li> <li>○ The Green Energy, Green Economy Act (2009), REA process or the regulations have not provided citizens of Ontario with transparent and open account of the evolution and progression of the Project;</li> <li>○ Government of Ontario is not in session due to prorogation thus all REA project approvals should be delayed until Ontarians wishes can be voiced by their legislative representative;</li> </ul>			

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Opportunity for public to provide comments was reduced when Phase 1 &amp; 2 combined;</li> <li>○ The rights of public to control Crown land usage has been compromised; and</li> <li>○ Public’s perception is that they have very little real say in renewable energy projects.</li> </ul>			
Geraldine Turchet	September 6, 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expressed concern for the Bow Lake Wind Proposal and the September 6, public meeting</li> <li>• The location of the public meeting makes no logical sense, since it is 100 km away from the project site</li> <li>• The public meeting location would have been better located in Wawa, Montreal River Harbour and/ or Sault Ste. Marie. Can you justify the meeting location?</li> <li>• The project turbines which stand over 30 stories high will have a negative impact on a beautiful and unique wilderness region</li> <li>• The area is enjoyed by locals and tourists, due to the close proximity of the TransCanada Highway and 3 provincial parks</li> <li>• By allowing construction of massive structures it will permanently jeopardise the beauty of the area that exist near Lake Superior and will be seen from far distances, especially when there are other developers working to create additional wind farms in the region</li> <li>• Please do everything you can to stop the erection of more turbines in the</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agreed that the location of the meeting is important, and the Ministry of Environment has also acknowledged this by specifying requirements within the Renewable Energy Approval (“REA”) regulation, requirements which the Project is following.</li> <li>• The location of the public meeting was selected as it is the closest suitable venue to the Project site, to encourage attendance and participation, and also to ensure that the meeting is most accessible to those who reside closest to the proposed Project; and meets requirements of the REA regulation.</li> <li>• In the event that a party was unable to attend in person, we have a dedicated email address and phone number that stakeholders may use to obtain Project-related documents, ask questions or to speak directly with a Project team member.</li> <li>• Copies of the display boards from the public meeting have also been posted on the Project website.</li> <li>• The concerns identified regarding the effects on the view scape and tourism were raised in past public meetings, and in response to those concerns, the Project commissioned studies of these issues.</li> <li>• A draft Cultural Heritage and Tourism Impact Assessment Report was prepared,</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Project commissioned a Cultural Heritage and Tourism Impact Assessment Report. The draft report was submitted to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (“MTCS”) for review, and the MTCS comment letter was received confirming that the Ministry is satisfied with the heritage assessment.</li> <li>• A copy of the report and MTCS comment letter was posted to the Project website for public review.</li> </ul>	September 11, 2012

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		<p>region, since there is already a large wind farm present (Prince Project)</p>	<p>submitted to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (“MTCS”) for review, and a letter received confirmed MTCS was satisfied with assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A copy of the report and MTCS comment letter was posted to the Project website earlier this month for public review.</li> <li>• The authors of the Cultural Heritage and Tourism Impact Assessment Report were in attendance at the September 6 public meeting and available to respond to questions about the report.</li> <li>• Additional questions or comments about the report are encouraged and should be submitted.</li> <li>• Concerns about multiple wind power projects being developed in the region have been raised. We cannot speculate on other wind projects that may be pursued in the region. We are currently aware of only one other project in the area that has a Feed in Tariff contract with the Ontario Power Authority, and therefore might be considered reasonably foreseeable.</li> <li>• Any proposed renewable energy project must meet several tests, including securing an interconnection into the transmission grid, award of a power contract from the Ontario Power Authority, and receipt of an REA approval from the Ministry of Environment which requires extensive public and Aboriginal consultation. Any and every proposed energy project, be it wind energy or another source, will need to pass these rigorous tests of its own accord, including taking into consideration the effects from facilities that already exist.</li> </ul>		
Jim Mazzola	September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are frequent visitors of the forest</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The new project website is provided, where</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Website updated and</li> </ul>	September



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	11, 2012	<p>roads in the area destined to be converted to the Bow Lake Wind farm.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our sole purpose is to explore old abandoned roads and take in the sight of the waterfalls and scenery in the area.</li> <li>• I understand some of the roads will be improved to provide access to the wind turbines; could you elaborate on the accessibility of the remaining roads that will not be improved.</li> <li>• Will the roads be open to travel on?</li> <li>• None of your ZTV pages on your website are active.</li> <li>• The Q&amp; A , did not directly address the status of the surrounding trails that are used for recreation like hunting and fishing.</li> </ul>	<p>you can view and download the latest project information, including Project updates, visual simulations, and poster boards from the September 6, 2012 open house.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The project schedule has been updated and construction activities on the roads in the Project area are currently planned to commence in summer 2013.</li> <li>• For your reference I have attached a copy of the poster boards from the September 6 open house which includes a site plan showing the roads that will be used by the Project including new roads that will be built and existing roads that will be upgraded during construction activities.</li> <li>• Approximately 21km of existing and approved roads approved under the Forest Management Planning process (“FMP roads”) will be constructed or improved to construct and access Project infrastructure.</li> <li>• The FMP roads will be open to the public once constructed.</li> <li>• There will be temporary short term disruptions to public access along the FMP roads during construction for the purposes of ensuring public safety during periods of intensive construction activity.</li> <li>• Appropriate signage will be posted in accordance with MNR and Project health and safety requirements to notify the public.</li> <li>• In addition to the FMP roads, approximately 6km of new public Project-specific road will also be constructed. These roads will be approved under the Renewable Energy Approval Regulation and will also be accessible by the public once constructed</li> </ul>	clarification provided regarding site access.	12, 2012

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			<p>with the exception of temporary restrictions to public access during construction for public safety reasons.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All new and improved roads will be designed in accordance with MNR requirements and to minimize the effects on natural features.</li> <li>• During operation, existing public roads, new public project-specific roads, and new/upgraded FMP roads will not be gated and will remain open for public use.</li> <li>• One section of proposed new Project road between turbine 2 and turbine 3 will be located on a parcel of private land, and therefore may be gated.</li> <li>• In addition, gating will be installed immediately adjacent to the wind turbines themselves to prevent unauthorized vehicular access to the individual turbines. These gates will not restrict public access along the public roads described above.</li> </ul>		
Roy Rupert, Partner RRS Syndicate	October 17, 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concerned regarding the mineral rights alienations involved with the wind farm applications, and the precedents that are being set for mineral rights in wind farm areas on Crown Lands.</li> <li>• RRS is a prospecting partnership with large holdings of mining claims in nearby Townships to the south of project.</li> <li>• Also concerned that there are similar wind farm developments proposed for that area.</li> <li>• We support the use of Crown lands for simultaneous and multiple uses, including wind farms, and with proper sharing processes in place, we have no reason to oppose development.</li> <li>• We note with favour that the proposal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advised that the Bow Lake project will be issued a variety of tenure instruments from MNR for the proposed wind project including Crown leases for area around each turbine, easements or land use permits will be issued by MNR for the access roads and electrical collector lines, and the main transformer station area will become Crown lands.</li> <li>• It is our understanding that these tenure instruments grant surface rights to the Project, however mineral rights still remain with the Crown and would continue to be managed in accordance with the Mining Act.</li> <li>• Our records searches have indicated that there are currently no active mining claims in the footprint of the proposed wind farm.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crown Land Interest Report updated to reflect concerns regarding mining claims.</li> </ul>	November 29, 2012

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		<p>includes accommodation of logging and recreational users.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are dismayed that mineral rights were ignored in project discussions.</li> <li>• We presume that your various leases, Licences of Occupation etc. will properly include some restrictions or prior rights that will affect the availability of mineral lands for claiming under the Mining Act.</li> <li>• Request that you define the total areas where you expect mineral rights to be withdrawn in favour of your leases, and the extent to which you expect mineral right claims to be qualified in the area encompassed by Bow Lake Project. At the present time the area is open for claim staking.</li> <li>• We note that there are abandoned underground uranium mines immediately west of the Bow Lake Project area, and such undeveloped resources often become mines as economics or exploration models develop over time.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• However, in the future the Bow Lake Wind Farm would be willing to consult and work with prospecting and mining companies in accordance with the Mining Act such that the wind farm operations and potential future prospecting and mining activities could safely coexist in the vicinity of the Project if appropriate mitigations measures are put in place.</li> <li>• A second public open house for the Project is scheduled for December 13, 2012, with additional details of the proposed Crown Lands disposition will be presented at the meeting, including site plan showing location of the proposed lease and tenure areas.</li> </ul>		
<p>Roy Rupert,  Partner  RRS Syndicate</p>	<p>December 2, 2012</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appreciated reply questions concerning mining rights.</li> <li>• Pleased that Bow Lake is willing to consider prospecting in the vicinity of the wind farm, subject to appropriate title protection to protect physical installations; and would hope similar wind developers in the region follow this example.</li> <li>• Indicated that it would be nice if other resources users were as accommodation as Bow Lake, and understood that shared resource use</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>	

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		<p>does not mean taking a big chunk for their sole use in perpetuity and excluding all other future use of that chunk.</p>			
Lance Hildebrand	Oct 10, 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Where was the photograph taken from that is on the website?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The image that was used on the main page of the website was taken from the Agawa Point lookout along Highway 17, which is approximately 16 km North of the proposed project location. The image used on the website was taken from the attached visual simulation but was cropped and enlarged to fit the website design, and as such is not fully representative of the view from this vantage point (i.e. both the turbines and landscape appear enlarged).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment directly responded to. No project changes required.</li> </ul>	Oct 16, 2012