

## Attachment A

### Conditions of Release from Environmental Assessment

EA # 2350 - 150 MW (Nominal) Avalon (Holyrood) Combustion Turbine (the Project)

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#### 1 Definition

- 1.1 "Act" means the **Environmental Protection Act** (the **Act**).
- 1.2 "Department" means the Department of Environment and Climate Change, and the contact for the Department for this environmental assessment (EA) release is:

Director  
Environmental Assessment Division  
Department of Environment and Climate Change  
P.O. Box 8700  
St. John's, NL A1B 4J6  
Tel. 709-729-0673

- 1.3 "Minister", unless the context indicates otherwise, means the Minister of Environment and Climate Change.
- 1.4 "Proponent" means a person who carries out or proposes to carry out a Project, or is the owner or person having charge, control or management of a Project.
- 1.5 "Registered" and "registration" mean registered under Section 49 of the **Act**.
- 1.6 "Release" means the release of a Project under Section 51, 54, 67 or 72 of the **Act** from the further application of the EA requirements of Part X of the **Act**.
- 1.7 "Undertaking" includes an enterprise, activity, **Project**, structure, work or proposal and a modification, abandonment, demolition, decommissioning, rehabilitation and an extension of them that may, in the opinion of the Minister, have a significant environmental effect.

#### 2 Acronyms / Abbreviations

EA	Environmental Assessment
REG	Registration document

#### 3 Scope

- 3.1 The EA release letter relates to Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro, hereafter referred to as the "Proponent", and their Registration document (REG) for 150 MW (Nominal) Avalon (Holyrood) Combustion Turbine Project, EA REG # 2350, hereafter referred to as the "Project".
- 3.2 The Proponent shall ensure the Project is carried out in accordance with this EA release and their REG.

#### 4 General

- 4.1 The Proponent shall uphold all commitments made in the EA submission to mitigate the effects of the Project on the environment, unless otherwise advised by the Minister. This includes the commitment to reinstate the Community Liaison Committee.
- 4.2 The Proponent shall conduct the Project in accordance with the **Act**, as amended from time to time.
- 4.3 The Proponent shall provide written notification of Project commencement to the Department, prior to the commencement of Project construction, by sending an email to [EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca](mailto:EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca).
- 4.4 The Proponent shall update the EA Division on the status of the Project, including a copy of all permits, licenses, certificates, approvals and other authorizations required for the Project, within one year from the date of this EA release letter and provide additional updates if required. Project updates shall be emailed to [EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca](mailto:EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca).
- 4.5 This EA release does not exempt a Proponent of a Project from the requirements imposed upon the Project by (a) another Act or regulation of the province or of Canada; or (b) a municipal regulation, by-law or requirement.
- 4.6 A license, permit, approval or other document of authorization pertaining to the Project shall not be issued under another Act until the Project has been exempted or released from EA.
- 4.7 Prior to a proposed change to any aspect of the Project from that proposed in the REG, the Proponent must submit the proposal to the Department to review for regulatory requirements, including EA.
- 4.8 No authority is granted by this EA release to enable the Proponent to commence or continue the Project on lands which are not in the control or ownership of the Proponent. It is the responsibility of the Proponent to ensure that such a contravention does not occur.
- 4.9 The Proponent shall notify the Minister before a transfer, sale or lease of the Project.
- 4.10 Where a timeline is associated with a condition(s) of the EA release, the Proponent shall fulfil the requirements of the condition(s) within the prescribed timeline, unless otherwise authorized in writing by the Minister.
- 4.11 If there is a discrepancy between the REG and the conditions of this EA release, the conditions of this EA release shall apply.
- 4.12 The Proponent shall bear all expenses incurred in carrying out the environmental management and monitoring required under the conditions of this EA release, the **Act** and the Environmental Assessment Regulations.

- 4.13 The Proponent shall ensure that this EA release, or a copy, is present at the Project site while personnel are on site and that personnel directly involved in the Project are made fully aware of the conditions which pertain to this EA release.
- 4.14 Throughout the life of the Project, the Proponent shall conduct any additional studies or monitoring and/or implement additional mitigation measures as required by the Minister.
- 4.15 The Proponent shall advise the EA Division by email of when the requirements of conditions of release have been completed, by providing a written description, documents, and images (where applicable) to demonstrate the completion of requirements. Information shall be emailed to [EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca](mailto:EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca). The Minister will advise the Proponent in writing of whether the condition(s) of release have been met.

## **5 Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture**

- 5.1 The Proponent shall maintain a minimum 30-metre undisturbed buffer from the high-water mark of all waterbodies and wetlands that are identified on either the 1:50,000 scale National Topographic System maps, or the topographic mapping layer shown in the Provincial Land Use Atlas to protect sensitive riparian habitat and aquatic species and their habitat.

## **6 Water Resources Management Division – Environment and Climate Change**

- 6.1 The Proponent shall submit a detailed Water Resources Management Plan to the Water Resources Management Division (WRMD) for review and approval prior to the start of construction.
- 6.2 The Proponent shall submit a copy of the latest dam safety review for the Quarry Brook dam to the WRMD prior to the start of construction. For further information, please contact WRMD at (709) 729-2563.

## **7 Pollution Prevention Division – Environment and Climate Change**

- 7.1 A Certificate of Approval is required from the Department of Environment and Climate Change prior to Project construction. The approval application shall be submitted to the Pollution Prevention Division and shall include:
  - an updated worst-case atmospheric dispersion model assessment, using emission specifications from the newly procured combustion turbine units and diesel-fired black start generators, that predicts full compliance with the air quality standards specified in the Air Pollution Control Regulations, 2022. Confirmed means of restricting public access shall be clearly described in the application;
  - characterization of all effluent/wastewater streams, including those generated through the use of water for emissions control technology, and description of proposed treatment options and effluent outfall locations, so as to demonstrate that full compliance with the Environmental Control Water &

Sewage Regulations, 2003, is expected. For further information, please contact PPD at (709) 729-5782.



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Minister

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