



**Nation Rise Wind Farm**

**RE: Questions/Discussions, Regular Meeting of Council, May 14, 2019**

**May 23, 2019**

1. Council concerns as outlined in the brief presented to the Minister were raised again at the May 14th meeting: decommissioning costs (and/or water contamination, land values, etc.) – how can Nation Rise guarantee the Township of North Stormont and its residents, that we will have no responsibility / liability for any default costs within the life of the Project regarding the wind turbines? The Township wishes to receive sound written assurances (legal evidence, escrow fund, etc.) that we will not be held responsible for any of these costs.

Response: As per EDPR's presentation to council, EDPR confirmed that decommissioning would not be the responsibility of the township. The development and operation of the turbines are between the project entity and its partner, the landowners. A decommissioning fund is provided in escrow as a requirement in the private lease agreements. In the case a transfer of ownership occurs, the new leaseholder will be required to continue with the stipulations set forth in the lease.

2. How does Nation Rise propose to get information out to others (several residents in attendance at the meeting) on the process for getting responses to residents regarding questions raised and answered?

Response: EDPR will be publishing an Enquiries Register to supplement the Consultation Summary Report currently held on the project website in regards to questions raised. As per the discussion at the last Council meeting, EDPR will be providing a contact information sheet in hard copy form to the Township for those who can't access the information online. These hard copies of the



contact information will be made available at the Township office for anyone who is not able to access the webpage.

3. Could Nation Rise please provide details concerning their commitment to keep an “issues register” Who? What? When? Where can this be found? How will this information be relayed to North Stormont residents, etc.?

Response: EDPR will maintain an Enquiries Register which will be made available to the Township in the coming weeks. This Enquiries Register will provide the Council and public a list of questions received by EDPR and the associated response. If a question is asked by a member of the public that has already been addressed, EDPR will direct the individual to the response provided in the Enquiries Register. It's recommended that the public also review the Consultation Summary Report which was submitted as part of the REA process for a listing of the common questions and associated responses. This report can be found on the project webpage:

[www.nationrisewindfarm.com](http://www.nationrisewindfarm.com)

4. How can residents file noise complaints? The process of one time per year for review is not sufficient. As indicated at the meeting, can Nation Rise provide details regarding the Township “catalogue”?

Response: As per Condition W - Record Creation and Retention of Renewable Energy Approval 0871-AV3TFM, the proponent will record any complaint alleging an Adverse Effect caused by the construction, installation, use, operation, maintenance or retirement of the facility. The company shall notify the District Manager in writing of each complaint within two business days of the receipt of the complaint. The company shall also provide the District Manager with the written records created under W1(3) within eight business days of the receipt of the complaint. Further



information regarding the requirements by the company when receiving a complaint can be found list in the project's REA which is located on the project webpage.

Individuals can also contact the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks directly to report a noise complaint. As per the MECP webpage (<https://www.ontario.ca/page/noise-our-environment>) the individual is directed to contact the local MECP office to report the complaint.

5. How can residents that will be affected by Project activity, in addition to emergency services, be “kept in the loop” regarding construction, road closures, etc.? Can Nation Rise provide a public “contact” list of the appropriate persons to call throughout the entire Project?

Response: As per Condition S1 - Municipal Consultation of Renewable Energy Approval 0871-AV3TFM, the company submitted a Traffic Management Plan to the Township of North Stormont in December 2018. This was later revised to reflect the comments provided by both the Township of North Stormont and the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry.

As per question 2 of this email, EDPR will be providing a contact information sheet in hard copy form to the Township. These hard copies of contact information will be made available at the Township office for anyone who is not able to access the webpage. Any questions directly related to construction activities can currently be directed to the Nation Rise Wind Farm Construction Line at (613) 240-0348.

6. What does the water turbidity parameters consist of? Previously, residents have requested this particular information and, in addition some are still waiting to get their wells tested. Please





outline the appropriate process and contact person regarding wells in addition to providing the list of parameters that is being tested (spring and fall).

Response: As per Condition I - Well Water Sampling of Renewable Energy Approval 0871-AV3TFM the company retained the services of DNV GL and BluMetric Environmental Inc. to conduct a water well sampling program of participating water wells within 1000m of a proposed foundation or water wells within the project area. The Turbidity analysis that is being completed is the industry standard for baseline well water quality assessment and was completed as specified in the Renewable Energy Approval (REA). Sampling teams have been collecting field measurements for Turbidity and also submitting samples to the Laboratory for Turbidity analysis. In general terms, Turbidity measures the "cloudiness" of the water caused by the presence of particles in the water. The cloudier the water, the greater the turbidity. It is measured in nephelometric turbidity units (NTUs). It indicates the amount of turbidity through a measurement of scattered light through a water sample.

The first round of sampling occurred in Fall 2018. The summary report and MECP approval letter can be found on the project webpage: [www.nationrisewindfarm.com](http://www.nationrisewindfarm.com). The results of the lab analysis of the individual wells were shared with the landowner via e-mail or their preferred method of communication. Further testing is occurring on selected wells of participants from the previous investigation on a voluntary basis by the project to demonstrate seasonal changes in water samples. Please contact DNV GL below for further information or to request participation in the study.

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7. Where will the exact location of the wind turbines be? What about the information regarding wells? There was 69 pages of errors and omissions submitted regarding the REA. What is the status of this?

Response: The exact locations of the permitted turbine locations can be found listed in the Renewable Energy Approval 0871-AV3TFM which is listed on the project webpage: [www.nationrisewindfarm.com](http://www.nationrisewindfarm.com). As noted during the presentation to council, 28-29 of the 33 permitted locations will be selected for construction, EDPR expects 29 turbines will be constructed. EDPR will release the currently selected locations to the public and will communicate this shortly and will make a current project layout map available on the project website.

A review of the Renewable Energy Approval Draft Reports was completed by Morrison Hershfield prior to the submission of the REA application. The comments provided by Morrison Hershfield were addressed in the REA Consultation Report which can be found on the project webpage using the address provided earlier in this paragraph.

8. Questions were raised in 2018 regarding marginal winds (lack of). How can “they” push this [wind turbines] project on the Township?

Response: EDPR has been measuring the wind regime of the area through two meteorological towers with heights of 60m and 100m respectively. The 60m met tower has been measuring the wind characteristics of the area since it's installation in 2012. The company has a strong understanding of the wind regime in the project area and has based its models, and the project's potential on this data. Modelling was a significant part of the project's submission in the Large





Renewable Procurement program. Under this program, the Ontario Independent Electric System Operator awarded a 20-year Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) to the 100MW Nation Rise Wind Farm. This awarded contract required that the project site be determined and provide a location of interconnection into the IESO grid. A major determining factor for the selection of this project was due to the capacity for new generation to be accepted on the L24A 230 kV transmission line that runs through the Township of North Stormont.

9. Will there be any chance of any future wind turbines?

Response: This is unknown at this time, EDPR does not currently hold any plans for expansion of the Nation Rise Wind Farm in North Stormont.

10. How can residents find out / know when work (tree clearing, widening, etc.) on road allowances will commence? Who can the land owners contact to advise and notify of any nuances, for example a dug well, regarding their individual properties? How can this type of activity be reported? Can this be included in the regular update reports to Council?

Response: A map of tree clearing and tree trimming areas has been provided to the Township. Members of the public with questions regarding this activity can contact EDPR through the project webpage or Nation Rise Wind Farm Construction Line at (613) 240-0348. EDPR will provide regular updates of expected construction work on a weekly basis to the Township.

11. What if the Nation Rise project gets cancelled? Who will be responsible for costs and clean-up of a ½ constructed project?

Response: As part of the publicly available form of the IESO Large Renewable Procurement I (LRP I) contract, if the contract were to be terminated by the IESO during the construction of the project

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mechanisms exist within the agreement for the restoration of the site and any funding required for the decommissioning of the project would be settled as stipulated in the LRP I contract with the IESO.

12. Who can the Township direct daily enquiries to?

Response: The Township can direct enquiries to the project webpage [[www.nationrisewindfarm.com](http://www.nationrisewindfarm.com)], e-mail address [[nationrise@edpr.com](mailto:nationrise@edpr.com)] or Nation Rise Wind Farm Construction Line at (613) 240-0348.

13. Follow up is required regarding the Township's request for a copy of the IESO contract with Nation Rise through Freedom of Information (FOI).

Response: EDPR was made aware of this FOI at the Township Council meeting and received further information from the IESO on the FOI request on May 15<sup>th</sup>. EDPR is submitting its response back to the IESO confirming the redaction of commercially sensitive information, such as the awarded contract price. The IESO will be responsible for closing out the FOI request and providing the contract to requesting parties. As discussed with Township staff, the contract was executed as a confidential document and EDPR does not have the authorization to distribute the contract, this contract can only be released by the IESO.

