

**NORTHLAND POWER**

April 21, 2005

Hydro-Québec Distribution
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**Re : Confidential Information in Electricity Supply Contracts for
Saint-Ulric Saint-Léandre Wind L.P. and Mount-Louis Wind L.P.**

Dear Sir:

With respect to the Régie's review of the Electricity Supply Contracts for both Saint-Ulric Saint Léandre and Mount-Louis under Hydro Québec call for tender #A/O 2003-02, we submit a list of information for which confidentiality is required on behalf of Saint-Ulric Saint-Léandre Wind L.P. and Mount-Louis Wind L.P. (the "Suppliers").

Section 6.2 – Contract Energy quantity

The Suppliers require that the number of megawatthours (MWh) per contract year specified in Section 6.2 remain confidential. Consequently, the specific number of MWh should be blanked out of the public record document. The disclosure of this information is likely to substantially reduce Suppliers' competitive margin. The specified amount of contract energy quantity reflects the results of the Suppliers' costly wind data collection and analysis program initiated in the month of August 2002 and lasting for a period of over two and a half years. The disclosure of the said contract energy quantity would provide competitors with information that they may use in order to compete with the Suppliers and would provide an unfair advantage to the said competitors insofar as they have not invested in the Suppliers' wind data collection and analysis program. The information analyzed with other information may be used to reveal Suppliers' business strategy. Others may use this information to compete with the Suppliers. For example, by the disclosure of this information, other suppliers will gain access to the wind regime of the projects at Suppliers' sites and therefore will be in a position to better evaluate future potential projects.

Knowledgeable contractors may also estimate with the said information anticipated returns by the project and could challenge such returns through negotiations for higher pricing.

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Sections 14.1 and 30.2 – All pricing information

The Suppliers require that pricing information specified in Sections 14.1 and 30.2 including unit price amounts per MWh, any percentages and formulas remain confidential and consequently, be totally blanked out of the public record document.

The disclosure of this information is likely to substantially reduce Suppliers' competitive margin. Pricing is a key component of the Suppliers' bidding strategy and reveals Suppliers' expected rate of return. It is the basis of Suppliers' financial structures. The disclosure of the said information would provide unfair advantage to competitors of the Suppliers insofar as on one hand, the Suppliers have not received any similar information regarding bids of their competitors as such information has not been revealed to the Suppliers' and on the other hand, competitors may use this information to compete with the Suppliers, thereby harming the Suppliers' competitiveness. The disclosure may also hamper negotiations with Suppliers' contractors and with landowners.

Section 17.2 – The value of "B"

The Suppliers require that the value of "B" specified in Section 17.2 of the PPA remain confidential. Consequently, the value of "B" should be blanked out of the public record document. This value reveals the Suppliers' estimate of construction cost for the switchyards. The disclosure of this information would provide competitors with information which they may use to compete with the Suppliers and would provide an unfair advantage to the said competitors insofar as they would not have to establish a cost calculation for switchyards on their own and/or without reference to the Suppliers' estimates of cost. The Suppliers and its contractors have invested substantially in confirming the scope of work required and the related costs. The value of this investment as a competitive advantage is lessened or lost altogether if the information is made available to its competitors.

Further, the disclosure would likely hamper negotiations and provide unfair advantage to contractors who will be bidding for the performance of the work required to construct the switchyards. Subcontractors and equipment suppliers bidding to the Suppliers' general contractor will have access to the maximum allowable amount for the construction of switchyards and therefore bid prices that are set to access as much of the allowable amount as possible. Such will put pressure on the margin of the general subcontractor and in turn put pressure on the margin of the Suppliers as the general contractor will be forced to either raise its price to the Suppliers or lose profit.

Appendix I – Figures A-1, A-2 and A-3

The Suppliers require that figures A-1, A-2 and A-3 remain confidential. Consequently, they should be excluded from the public record document.

Figures A-1, A-2 and A-3 contain proprietary technical information with respect to the Suppliers' projects.

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Figures A-1 and A-2 outline the location of the projects' installations. The disclosure of this information will hamper negotiations with third parties and particularly with private landowners with whom the Suppliers are still negotiating. If private landowners are in a position to know where the Suppliers would like to position the installations before final agreements are reached to secure rights with respect thereto, the Suppliers will be put in a position of a purchaser who is forced or compelled to purchase. Such will result in a purchase price for the said rights which is higher than their actual market value.

The public disclosure of Figures A-1 and A-2 may also lead to confusion amongst citizens, landowners and permitting authorities as to the specific locations of installations for the projects. Such confusion would certainly hamper the permitting processes.

The disclosure of Figure A-3 would reveal technical information and is likely to substantially affect Suppliers' competitive margin. The disclosure of technical information contained in A-3 would provide unfair advantage to competitors of the Suppliers insofar as they may use this information without having paid the cost for the development thereof much in the same way that was described for the value of B (Section 17.2).

Appendix V -- All Target Dates

The manufacturer of the wind turbines has requested that the Target Dates remain confidential. Please see the attached letter from GE elaborating on this issue.

I trust that this information is to your satisfaction.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if there are any issues that you may wish to discuss.

Yours truly,



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Re: HQD request for confidentiality

Dear David:

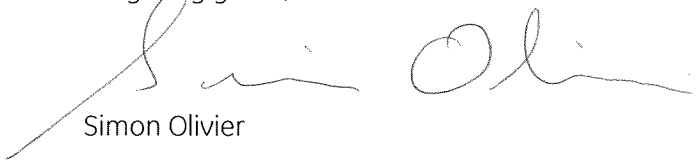
GE Wind Inc. and General Electric Canada (collectively "GE") hereby request that the limit dates for the major phases of establishment of the wind turbine blade & tower manufacturing and for the nacelle assembly facilities of the wind farm, as stipulated in Annexe V of the Electricity Supply Contract entered into between Hydro-Quebec Distribution ("HQD") and Northland Power Inc. ("ESC") shall be kept confidential.

GE has not yet completed negotiations with all of its suppliers and the release of the Limit Dates above would;

- i) provide unfair competitive advantage to those suppliers in the negotiations;
- ii) create confusion with GE's suppliers base, including Marmen and LM as well other potential suppliers which whom the agreements are not yet finalized;
- iii) create unmanageable expectations from local communities;

Please note that the information above have been negotiated directly between HQD and Northland and GE has not been part of these negotiations..

Very truly yours,


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