



NORTHLAND POWER

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Monsieur André Boulanger
Le président d'Hydro-Québec Distribution
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**Re : Contrats d'approvisionnement en électricité
St-Ulric St-Léandre Wind L.P. / Éoliennes St-Ulric St-Léandre S.E.C.
Mount-Louis Wind L.P. / Éoliennes Mount-Louis S.E.C.
Confidentialité des renseignements**

Dear Sir,

We appreciate Hydro Quebec's respecting the terms of our agreement and its contractual obligations towards us with respect to the confidentiality of commercial information.

We understand Hydro Quebec's sensitivity to the preoccupation of its clientele towards as much transparency as possible with respect to the details of the costs associated with the first call for tenders for 1000MW of wind energy. *In fact, the process was very open and fair.*

Our suggestions for answering questions regarding transparency include reference to the fact that the tender process was closely monitored by an independent audit firm; perhaps the auditors can make a statement as to how accurately the procedures were followed and on how fairly all bidders were treated, and the fact that Hydro Quebec released the average tariff of all the projects combined.

However there is an approval process before the Régie de l'énergie which acts in the public interest and we look forward to submitting to the Régie our reasons for maintaining that the said information must remain confidential.

We reiterate that we are willing to work with Hydro Québec to see if alternative solutions can be found in order to meet your clientele's preoccupations while respecting our need for confidentiality as set out in our April 21st letter which is now part of the public record.

Yours truly,



John W. Brace

President

St-Ulric St-Léandre Wind L.P. / Éoliennes St-Ulric St-Léandre S.E.C.

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cc: Directeur Approvisionnement en électricité
Division Hydro-Québec Distribution