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Dear Minister Dunderdale & Mr. Martin –

The Canadian Wind Energy Association (CanWEA) would like to offer congratulations on your decision to proceed with a 25 MW wind farm, the first utility-scale wind energy facility in Newfoundland and Labrador. We also applaud your recent announcement that Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro is planning to issue another Request for Proposals (RFP) for additional blocks of wind power.

CanWEA represents more than 250 companies involved in Canada's wind energy industry, including wind turbine and component manufacturers, wind energy project developers, electric utilities and service providers to the wind energy industry.

Wind energy is clean and renewable and is the world's fastest growing source of new utility-scale electricity generation. Newfoundland and Labrador has one of Canada's best wind resources and CanWEA is very pleased that Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro has begun to move to develop the province's vast wind resource, and to pursue the economic and environmental benefits wind energy can provide to Newfoundland and Labrador.

CanWEA believes, however, that these initial steps only begin to scratch the surface of the province's wind potential. We strongly encourage you to make the study of how best to maximize the integration of the province's wind resource a high priority as you continue to procure additional blocks of wind energy.

We also note that the Ramea project has illustrated the potential for wind/diesel systems in remote communities in Newfoundland and Labrador and we encourage you to continue to pursue wind energy as an opportunity to decrease the use of Rural Isolated Thermal (Diesel) electricity generating power plants.

CanWEA is eager to work with you to better understand what can be accomplished and the steps that can be taken to facilitate greater wind energy penetration in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R. Hornung".

Robert Hornung
President