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sent via e-mail

Re: Antrim Wind Energy Project Wood Turtle Monitoring Plan

Dear Ms. Henderson:

Antrim Wind Energy LLC (AWE) is writing to confirm the acceptance by New Hampshire Fish and Game (NHFG) of a wood turtle monitoring plan that was proposed by AWE as part of the Site Evaluation Committee (SEC) review and certification of the Project. This monitoring plan is a condition of the SEC Certificate:

Further Ordered that, the New Hampshire Fish and Game is authorized to monitor the Applicant's actions as they relate to protection of wood turtles during construction of the Project in the laydown and staging areas identified in the July 1, 2016, letter from New Hampshire Fish and Game to the Applicant, which is appended hereto as Appendix IX, and any actions to enforce this provision of the Certificate must be brought before Site Evaluation Committee; and it is,

Further Ordered that, New Hampshire Fish and Game is authorized to specify the use of any appropriate technique, methodology, practice or procedure approved by the Subcommittee within the Certificate, as may be necessary, to effectuate conditions of the Certificate addressing the protection of wood turtles; and it is,

Further Ordered that, the Applicant shall consult with, and receive approval from, New Hampshire Fish and Game regarding methods for providing protection of wood turtles during Project construction activities in the laydown and staging areas identified in the July 1, 2016 letter;

AWE consulted with NHFG, and NHFG recommended that AWE monitor for wood turtles at the off-site laydown yard. See attached letter dated July 1, 2016. Through further consultation with NHFG (Carol Henderson, Kim Tuttle, John Kanter, Mike Marchand), AWE developed a monitoring plan. See the attached e-mail thread between AWE and NHFG which summarizes the monitoring proposal and consultation.

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As a result of these consultations, the following wood turtle monitoring plan for the off-site laydown yard is as follows:

If the construction starts before April, a double walled silt fence will be installed around the working area of the 2.9 acre laydown and staging area in order to keep wood turtles from entering the work area. The silt fence must be installed with the stakes facing inward, toward each other since wood turtles could use the stakes to get a toe hold and scale the fence. At the site entrance a temporary barrier made of hay bales would be used to complete the barrier. The hay bales are removed in the morning by the first person accessing the site and replaced by the last person in the evening. The object is to preclude turtles from getting into the site in the first place and keep them out of the work area so there would be no need to monitor the work area during construction.

If the construction starts after April 1, the double barrier of silt fence would be installed and then a biologist will sweep the area within the fence and clear the area of any turtles.

The environmental inspector/contractor will walk the interior perimeter of the silt fence in the morning to check for turtles along or in between the silt fences. If any turtles are found it will be noted and the turtle will be released outside the barrier. Sightings of wood turtles at the site will be reported to NHFG.

Please provide written approval of the monitoring for submittal to the SEC by placing your signature below.


Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dana Valleau

Cc: Jack Kenworthy, Walden Green Energy
Attachments

NHFG Approves the above wood turtle monitoring plan:


Glenn Normandeau
Executive Director
NHFG

Date: 11/17/2017