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Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 3:55 PM

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**Cc:** Ethan Mollasalehi < <a href="mailto:Ethan\_Mollasalehi@transalta.com">Ethan\_Mollasalehi@transalta.com</a>>

Subject: RE: 6/15/2020 Bat Fatality Reporting: Antrim Wind Energy

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Dear Ms. Donna Hanson and Ms. Pamela Monroe,

This is email is a follow-up on the recent bat fatality observed. After peer review, the species has been confirmed to be an eastern small-footed bat (*Myotis leibii*), who share a lot similar diagnostic features with the little brown bat (*Myotis lucifugus*) with one exception. Our consultant wanted to report the situation to NHFG in order to respect the 48h required notice despite the pending peer review. Both species are state-endangered in NH so reporting was still a requirement per the Project's BBCS. In the future, our consultant assured us that the peer review will occurred within 48h of observation and before notification to NHFG should it be required.

I want to reiterate that despite the current unfortunate finding, we don't foresee this as abnormal. We will continue to work collaboratively with NHFG and we are still aligned with the project's Bird and Bat Conservation Strategy.

If you have any questions, please let me know. Thanks and stay safe!

Jeff L.

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From: Jean-Francois Latour Sent: June 16, 2020 4:57 PM

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Subject: FW: 6/15/2020 Bat Fatality Reporting: Antrim Wind Energy

Dear Ms. Donna Hanson and Ms. Pamela Monroe,

During the post-construction wildlife monitoring study, our consultant (Stantec) has found a Little Brown Bat carcass. This species is state-endangered in NH and as per our Bird and Bat Conservation Strategy NH Fish and Game was notified (see below).

Despite the current unfortunate finding, we don't foresee this as abnormal and we will continue to work collaboratively with NHFG and we are still aligned with the project's Bird and Bat Conservation Strategy.

If you have any questions, please let me know. Thanks and stay safe!

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Subject: 6/15/2020 Fatality Reporting: Antrim Wind Energy

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Carol and Sandra,

Per the language of Antrim Wind Energy's Bird and Bat Conservation Strategy (BBCS), reporting of a fatality of a state and/or federally listed species is required within 48 hours of discovery. This email provides notification to NHFGD in compliance with the BBCS.

Species: Little Brown Bat (NH-endangered) General Location: Turbine 9 (43.0430, -72.0238)

Specific Location: Within grassy area between gravel and large rocks

When: Monday, 6/15/2020 @ 11:35 am

Incident Timeline:

- Field technician texted PM with discovery: 6/15/2020 @ 1:02PM
- Field technician emailed PM with photographs and measurements of bat and tentative ID: 6/15/2020 @ 3:35PM
- PM forwarded email with photographs and measurements to Senior Biologists for positive ID: 6/15/2020 @ 3:43PM.
- Senior Biologists emailed PM to request additional measurements and photographs to confirm ID: 6/15/2020 @ 4:40PM and 6/16/2020 @ 9:22 AM
- PM provided additional information to Senior Biologists: 6/16/220 @ 10:18 AM
- ID Confirmation: 6/16/2020 @ 10:42 AM

Distinguishing Characteristics: Forearm length of 33-34mm, ear length of 10mm, foot measurement of 7.5mm, and observation of long hairs on toes.

Current Location: At O&M Facility within locked freezer.

Thanks and let me know if you would like to set up a phone call to discuss this result further.

Best, Alex

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