

Re: Nova Scotia Rate Base Procurement RFP, section 6.3.1.1, letter of support for Invenergy's Tusket Wind Energy Centre proposal (the Proposal)

As you may know, our Municipality of the District of Argyle (Argyle, or the Municipality) is home to the Pubnico Point Wind Farm, the first of its kind in Nova Scotia. This letter is written to reflect our hope and objective that Invenergy's neighbouring Tusket Wind Energy Centre (TWEC or the Project), in development, will be selected in the subject procurement as the province's newest.

Invenergy, majority Canadian-owned and the continent's largest independent renewable energy company, is developing the planned 100 megawatt TWEC in an ideal area of Argyle that combines energetic winds with low residential density. Studies highlighted in an April 2021 report by the Global Wind Energy Council underscore the positive employment impact such a facility would have in the area; the report estimates that 5.24 jobs per MW (or 524 jobs in the case of TWEC) will be created over the 25-year lifetime of a typical on shore wind project.

The Project would also add an important new property tax stream to Argyle. Based on a review of Nova Scotia's *Wind Turbine Facilities Municipal Taxation Act*, the 100 MW facility would generate annual tax revenue for the municipality of approximately \$700,000, which amount will increase in alignment with the consumer price index as published by the Government of Canada.

Argyle would also benefit from the TWEC's construction and maintenance of new access roads. These additions to the municipality's existing road network would enable and/or add value to current or planned harvesting or reforestation activities, as well as enhancing area recreational activities such as ATVing, snowmobiling, hiking and more.

Prior to approaching local property owners with land agreements, Invenergy reached out to the Municipality to inform us of its interest in developing the Project and to ask for our . Their initiative, ensuring that Argyle would be “first to know”, was both appreciated and important for Argyle elected representatives and staff in our objective to be aware of and informed about significant developments in our community. The Company’s voluntary offering of a structured fund for the duration of the operating project specifically for the benefit of the area surrounding the TWEC is another meaningful aspect of the Project.

In summary, the municipality supports Invenergy’s Proposal and requests its favourable consideration by the procurement administrator.

Yours truly,