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Wedgeport Wind Farm LP Attention: Dan Eaton 2150-745 Thurlow Street Vancouver, BC V6E 0C5

April 5, 2022

Sent via E-mail to: <u>mbaksh@elementalenergy.ca</u>

Dear Dan,

Thank you for your interest in our community for the prospective wind development opportunity you are creating. We here in Argyle have a long history of support for wind energy, and we are the home to the first wind farm development in Nova Scotia. This letter is written to reflect our intentions to support an application for another wind farm project in the Wedgeport Area, as submitted by Wedgeport Wind Farm LP, which is under development.

We are pleased to assist an application from this project and its preliminary plans to construct and manage a major wind development operation in a low-density area of Argyle of Wedgeport that has proven energetic winds to support a wind development.

The application is clearly a Provincially controlled process, however, our role is to confirm that our Municipality does support development of this grandeur and type, as written in our Municipal Planning Strategy. We are aware and pleased that you are in contact with our contracted planners at WSP, who have co-crafted our planning documents with Argyle, and will guide you through the processes along with our land use restrictions.

Low residential density is critical to a successful application, as we wish to work collaboratively with our residents while encouraging such a rigorous application. While we understand that actual placement of turbines can be a moving target, we are pleased initially with the location, pending the approval of the land use and appropriate public consultation. We are aware that consultation is part of your application process, and we can assist when and if the time comes. We are aware of the financial benefits for the municipality and its residents, and equally aware of the importance of renewable energy in this age of Climate Change. We showcase this by being the first Net Zero Energy Municipal Administration Building in Canada. It is also clear that the community could potentially benefit from the new construction and maintenance of access roads and pathways which would enable greater use of that location for recreational activities. We trust that the owners of properties there would agree!

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Your willingness to work with us, your effective communication, and acknowledgement that a structured fund for the community would be well received by organizations that work tirelessly for the improvement of the place they love to call home. In short, Argyle supports wind energy development as part of their MPS, as well as Wedgeport Wind Farm LP's proposal provided that it meets the Land Use Bylaw application. It is clear to us that you are committed to this end, and all indications are that they will. We request favourable consideration by the Provincial procurement administrator for this project.

Sincerely,

Danny Muise

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