Dear: [REDACTED]

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, file # NR-022-2015

On December 2, 2015, the Department of Natural Resources received your request for access to the following records/information:

[REDACTED]

I wish to obtain all records related to wind energy research or wind energy policy produced by the Department of Natural Resources. In particular I am searching for the Coastal Labrador Alternative Energy Assessment. I am also searching for the report produced by Hatch Consulting, Navigant Consulting, and Manitoba Hydro International who did independent overviews of Nalcor's wind energy assumptions when determining the least cost options at the time of Muskrat Falls commissioning. I am also searching for the Request For Proposals issued prior to commissioning the wind farms at St. Lawrence and Fermeuse. Any other wind energy documents would be helpful in the current research.

On December 11, 2015, the department contacted you to seek clarification on your request. Based on our conversation, your original request was refined to the following.

1. Technical information used to support decisions on wind energy for the following:
   - Energy Plan
   - Maritime Link
   - Muskrat Falls (least cost option)

2. Integration of wind energy into the province's current grid.

I am pleased to inform you that your request for access to technical information has been granted. In accordance with your request for a copy of the records, the appropriate copies have been enclosed.

We also identified the following external reports that may assist [REDACTED].
Atlantic Energy Gateway Report on Regional Electricity System Operations
March 30, 2012
Martillac Limited and Thompson & Associates
http://energy.novascotia.ca/sites/default/files/aeg_regional_electricity_system_operations.pdf

Atlantic Energy Gateway - Research Reports Relating to Atlantic Energy Issues including renewable energy
ACOA Lead in Consultation with Atlantic Provincial Governments
http://www.acoa-apec.gc.ca/eng/publications/ResearchStudies/Pages/home.aspx#aeg

Atlantic Energy Gateway (AEG) Balancing Study Report
A Study of Potential Savings in the Case of a Common Unit Commitment and Dispatch Function for Atlantic Canada
June 15, 2012
http://energy.novascotia.ca/sites/default/files/aeg_system_balancing_modeling.pdf

Regional Clean and Renewable Energy Market Opportunities - Study Findings
By Navigant Consulting Limited
Prepared for: Atlantic Energy Gateway
2012
http://energy.novascotia.ca/sites/default/files/aeg_regional_clean_and_renewable_energy_market_opportunities.pdf

Please be advised that responsive records will be published with appropriate redactions following a 72 hour period after the response is sent electronically or five business days in the case where records are mailed to you.

It is the goal to have the responsive records posted to the Office of Public Engagement’s website within one business day following the applicable period of time.

If you have any further questions, please contact me by telephone at 709-729-1651 or by email at reneependergast@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
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