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Subject: RE: Meeting with Committee

Good Morning, Melissa,

Apologies for the delay in responding. The Committee will not be able to meet before they complete their June in-person engagements. They do plan to have virtual public engagements mid-late June, which would provide an update as to where they are with their work to date, which you will be welcomed to join. Once the dates are announced, we can see if they would work for you all at CNLOPB, but if you would still like to meet with the Committee, we can reconvene to discuss further.

In the meantime, the Committee did have a few questions for CNLOPB, as they would like to know:

1. Under the Impact Assessment Act (IAA), Physical Activities Regulations: SOR/2019-285, Section 44 under *Renewable Energy*, it states that *“The construction, operation, decommissioning and abandonment in an offshore area or in boundary water of a new wind power generating facility that has 10 or more wind turbines.”* are the activities required to be designated as a project under the IAA. The Committee would like to know what plans are or will be in place from the CNLOER on handling projects with 9 turbines or less, and if they will be subject to further assessment through the board.
2. Through the Committee’s engagement, they have heard of the potential for decarbonization of oil & gas platforms through wind energy initiatives, though no formal plans have been stated to the Committee to date. Since the Committee’s Focus Area does not negate the possibility of offshore wind developments to occur outside of the current boundaries of this area, if an oil & gas proponent did wish to establish a wind energy development to decarbonize platforms, what would that process look like under the board, and could a project of this sort be covered under an amendment to the proponent’s current authorization plan?

Please note that since this is information that the Committee would like to share publicly and potentially form recommendations around, we will be posting this request to the Registry, as well as the response from the board. If there are any issues with confidentiality, please refer to the Committee’s [Confidentiality Procedure \(iaac-aeic.gc.ca\)](https://www.iaac-aeic.gc.ca/ConfidentialityProcedure).

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you,

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