Question 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.

C-NLOPB Response: Once Bill C-49 (amendments to the Accord Acts) is passed, the CNLOER will be responsible for regulating offshore renewable projects. At that time, proponents of offshore wind projects that are not subject to the federal impact assessment (e.g. 9 turbines or less), would be required to conduct an assessment of potential effects under the CNLOER process. We currently undertake these types of assessments for other non-designated projects such as 2D/3D seismic surveys.

Question 2:
Through the Committee's engagement, they have heard of the potential for decarbonization of oil and 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?

C-NLOPB Response: As Bill C-49 have yet to receive Royal Assent and are not yet in force, we recommend the Committee seek advice from Natural Resources Canada and the Government of Newfoundland and Labradors Department of Industry Energy and Technology for clarification on this matter.