## **Appendix C**

**AGENCY CORRESPONDENCE** 

## GRAND RENEWABLE SOLAR LP

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October 6, 2014

RE: REA AMENDMENT – Grand Renewable Solar

Grand Renewable Solar LP/ Grand Renewable Solar GP Inc. received approval on September 27, 2013 for the amended Renewable Energy Approval (REA) to develop and operate a 100-megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic project to be known as the Grand Renewable Solar Park Project (GRS). This project, together with the 148.6 MW wind project known as the Grand Renewable Wind Project (GRW), comprise the Grand Renewable Energy Park (GREP). At this time, GRS is seeking a technical change amendment to the issued REA for GRS (REA No. **9560-8UJJXS**), all in accordance with the process as outlined in *Ontario Regulation* 359/09.

This letter provides an overview of amendments proposed for the GRS project, which we believe to be a technical change amendment under REA. We are seeking confirmation that the following potential amendments are considered technical changes by the MOECC. Upon confirmation, it is anticipated that a formal Modifications Document for the GRS project will be submitted for review to the MOECC. We understand the review and acceptance of this letter will take between 2-3 business days.

The project modifications incorporated in this amendment include: addition of two (2) DSTATCOM units, addition of one (1) Line Reactor, incorporation of the manufacturer-specified transformer noise data for the substation transformers, and minor changes to site layout, including the relocation of some of the dominant noise sources, all of which are within 10 metres of the already approved locations in Schedule B of the Approval.

Further consultation with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) was not warranted for the proposed technical changes. As the final design for the project does not exceed the original project location boundary, no amendments to the Natural Heritage Assessment are required. The MNRF has been circulated as part of the stakeholder notification that there are proposed technical amendments proposed to this project. Any correspondence received in response from the MNRF will be subsequently forwarded to the MOECC.

Similar to the above, the technical changes described in this report do not require amendments to either the Cultural Heritage or Archaeological Assessments completed and reviewed by the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS). The extent of the project location did not change and the project area was studied and commented on in the original REA submission. The locations of the project components, installation methods or equipment specifications would not change the results or

information presented related to cultural heritage or archaeological resources for this project. The MTCS has been circulated as part of the stakeholder notification that there are proposed technical amendments proposed to this project. Any correspondence received in response from the MTCS will be subsequently forwarded to the MOECC.

We trust the above contains sufficient information to confirm that the proposed changes to the above referenced REA are considered minor technical changes. If additional information or clarification is required, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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