

Attachment A
Conditions of Release from Environmental Assessment

EA 2422 – Belloram Transmission Line (the Project)

1 Definition

- 1.1 "Act" means the **Environmental Protection Act** (the **Act**).
- 1.2 "Commenced" and "Commencement" mean the point in time when significant work has been carried out on the site of an undertaking.
- 1.3 "Department" means the Department of Environment, Conservation and Climate Change, and the contact for the Department for this environmental assessment (EA) release is:

Director
Environmental Assessment Division
Department of Environment, Conservation and Climate Change
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- 1.4 "Minister", unless the context indicates otherwise, means the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Climate Change.
- 1.5 "Proponent" means a person who carries out or proposes to carry out a Project, or is the owner or person having charge, control or management of a Project.
- 1.6 "Registered" and "registration" mean registered under Section 49 of the **Act**.
- 1.7 "Release" means the release of a Project under Section 51, 54, 67 or 72 of the **Act** from the further application of the EA requirements of Part X of the **Act**.
- 1.8 "Undertaking" includes an enterprise, activity, **Project**, structure, work or proposal and a modification, abandonment, demolition, decommissioning, rehabilitation and an extension of them that may, in the opinion of the Minister, have a significant environmental effect.

2 Acronyms / Abbreviations

EA	Environmental Assessment
REG	Registration document

3 Scope

- 3.1 The EA release letter relates to Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro, hereafter referred to as the "Proponent", and their Registration document (REG) for Belloram Transmission Line, EA REG # 2422, hereafter referred to as the "Project".

- 3.2 The Proponent shall ensure the Project is carried out in accordance with this EA release and their REG.

4 General

- 4.1 The Proponent shall uphold all commitments made in the EA submission to mitigate the effects of the Project on the environment, unless otherwise advised by the Minister, including the commitment of utilizing armless pole construction, according to NL Hydro and industry-standard utility design practices to reduce potential bird interactions with energized infrastructure by minimizing perching and nesting opportunities.
- 4.2 The Proponent shall conduct the Project in accordance with the **Act**, as amended from time to time.
- 4.3 The Proponent shall provide written notification of Project commencement to the Department, prior to the commencement of Project construction, by sending an email to EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca.
- 4.4 The Proponent shall update the EA Division on the status of the Project, including a copy of all permits, licenses, certificates, approvals and other authorizations required for the Project, within one year from the date of this EA release letter and provide additional updates if required. Project updates shall be emailed to EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca.
- 4.5 This EA release does not exempt a Proponent of a Project from the requirements imposed upon the Project by (a) another Act or regulation of the province or of Canada; or (b) a municipal regulation, by-law or requirement.
- 4.6 A license, permit, approval or other document of authorization pertaining to the Project shall not be issued under another Act until the Project has been exempted or released from EA.
- 4.7 Prior to a proposed change to any aspect of the Project from that proposed in the REG, the Proponent must submit the proposal to the Department to review for regulatory requirements, including EA.
- 4.8 No authority is granted by this EA release to enable the Proponent to commence or continue the Project on lands which are not in the control or ownership of the Proponent. It is the responsibility of the Proponent to ensure that such a contravention does not occur.
- 4.9 The Proponent shall notify the Minister before a transfer, sale or lease of the Project.
- 4.10 Where a timeline is associated with a condition(s) of the EA release, the Proponent shall fulfil the requirements of the condition(s) within the prescribed timeline, unless otherwise authorized in writing by the Minister.
- 4.11 If there is a discrepancy between the REG and the conditions of this EA release, the conditions of this EA release shall apply.

- 4.12 The Proponent shall bear all expenses incurred in carrying out the environmental management and monitoring required under the conditions of this EA release, the **Act** or the Environmental Assessment Regulations.
- 4.13 The Proponent shall ensure that this EA release, or a copy, is present at the Project site while personnel are on site and that personnel directly involved in the Project are made fully aware of the conditions which pertain to this EA release.
- 4.14 Throughout the life of the Project, the Proponent shall conduct any additional studies or monitoring and/or implement additional mitigation measures as required by the Minister.
- 4.15 The Proponent shall advise the EA Division by email of when the requirements of conditions of release have been completed, by providing a written description, documents, and images (where applicable) to demonstrate the completion of requirements. Information shall be emailed to EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca. The Minister will advise the Proponent in writing of whether the condition(s) of release have been met.

5 Habitat, Flora and Fauna

- 5.1 The Proponent shall submit the results of a targeted bat survey to the Department of Forestry, Agriculture and Lands, for approval by the Wildlife Division prior to the commencement of any tree removal activities occurring between May 1 and September 1. The survey shall include a pre-clearing assessment of all trees and snags with a diameter at breast height greater than 25 cm to identify potential active bat colonies.
- 5.2 The Proponent shall submit the results of a Short-eared Owl survey, conducted by a qualified third-party biologist, to the Department of Forestry, Agriculture and Lands, for approval by the Wildlife Division prior to the commencement of any ground disturbance activities occurring during the breeding season (May 15 to August 15). The survey shall be completed within seven days of the planned ground disturbance.
- 5.3 The Proponent shall submit a Project-specific Environmental Protection Plan (EPP) to the Department of Forestry, Agriculture and Lands, for approval by the Wildlife Division prior to the commencement of Project construction, including land clearing. The EPP shall outline the environmental protection measures that will be implemented throughout all phases of the Project, including measures related to travel through and work conducted within wetlands. For further information on survey requirements and protocols contact the Wildlife Division at WildlifeReferrals@gov.nl.ca.

6 Waste Management

- 6.1 The Proponent shall submit a Waste Management Plan specific to the Project to the Department of Environment, Conservation and Climate Change, for the approval by the Pollution Prevention Division prior to the commencement of Project construction, including land clearing. A Waste Management Certificate of Approval may be required. Approved plans will be posted publicly on the EA

project webpage. Information on how to prepare the plan is available online at <https://www.gov.nl.ca/ecc/env-protection/waste/>. For further information, please contact the Pollution Prevention Division at (709) 729-1810.



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