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1. Introduction

1.1 Description of Project Change

A new access road and collection cable route will be constructed on Lot 9, Concession 2, to connect Haldimand Road 3 (Rainham Road) to Turbines 38 and 39 to the north on an existing airstrip. The new access road and collection cabling will be constructed within the construction disturbance area illustrated on Figure 1. No other changes will be made to the Project Location or infrastructure.

1.2 Rationale for Project Change

The construction of the new access road and collection cable will allow access to two turbines. Currently the road allowing access to these turbines from the east is undergoing Stage 3 archaeological assessments that have been delayed due to the late spring, and subsequent flood conditions. Constructing the new access road will allow construction to begin at the two turbine locations and will allow the project to proceed according to schedule.

2. Amendments to the Records Review

There are no changes to the Records Review as a result of these changes. The proposed access road is located north of an existing collection line and south of Turbine 39. This area was part of the original REA submission and was evaluated in the NHA completed in May, 2011 (Golder, 2011).

3. Amendments to the Site Investigation

No natural features are found within 120m of the proposed access road to Turbines 38 and 39, as described in **Table 1.**

| Table 1. | Natural Features within 120m of new Access Road to Turbines 38 and 39 |
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| Natural Feature Type | Natural Feature ID | Location Details | Description of Feature from REA Reports | Source | Comments from Site Visit, May 24, 2013 |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Man-made Pond | 239 | North of Concession 3, within 120m of access road to Turbine 39 | Does not meet O. Reg. 359/09 definition of "water body". Man-made pond | Waterbodies Assessment Report, Golder, 2011. | Man-made pond has banks armored with limestone, and lawn is manicured up to the edge. No natural soils suitable for turtle nesting or overwintering are present. |

A site visit was completed on May 24, 2013 to confirm that site conditions had not changed since the NHA was completed, and it was confirmed that no new candidate natural features exist within 120m of the proposed access road changes.





4. Amendments to the Evaluation of Significance and Environmental Impact Study

There are no changes to the Evaluation of Significance and Environmental Impact Study as no natural features exist within 120m of the new disturbance area associated with this project modification.

Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be used during the construction of the access road as described in the Construction Plan Report (Golder, 2010).