

**Submission to the Department of Environment and
Climate Change
on the
*Environmental Impact Statement of the EVREC
Green Energy Hub***

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Introduction

Energy NL was founded in 1977 to represent the supply and service sector of the energy industry. Today Energy NL represents over 500 member organizations worldwide which are involved in, or benefit from, the energy industry of Newfoundland and Labrador. Energy NL members are a diverse representation of businesses involved in a range of activities related to both renewable and non-renewable energy development, construction, and operations. This includes, but is not limited to, areas such as direct offshore and onshore supply; health and safety equipment and training; engineering solutions and fabricators; law firms and human resource agencies.

Energy NL and our members are excited about the prospects in the province for a new renewable energy industry, and we are pleased to participate, via this submission, in the Environmental Assessment for the proposed EVREC Green Energy Hub.

Project Rationale

As indicated in Energy NL's submission on November 11, 2024, in response to Exploit Valley Renewable Energy Corporation's Environmental Assessment Registration, there is strong rationale for the project, given:

- Clean hydrogen is recognized globally as a key factor in meeting international energy and climate goals by decarbonizing the energy system, as well as contributing to global energy security;
- European countries are still expressing their interest in hydrogen for their long-term green energy needs, and Canada is viewed as a preferred supplier;
- The Government of Canada has demonstrated that developing a low-carbon hydrogen economy is a strategic priority through the release of reports such as Canada's Hydrogen Strategy and the Canadian Hydrogen Codes and Standards Roadmap; and,
- The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador has taken steps to advance a green hydrogen industry in the province.

The EVREC Green Energy Hub is focused on providing low-cost green hydrogen and ammonia to the Canadian, United States, and European markets, primarily. The project will be utilizing fully renewable energy to power its production through both wind and solar energy, enabling it to be predominantly off-grid and only requiring a small grid connection for construction support and critical loads. The certified green ammonia end product can be used in a range of key applications including fertilizer production, agriculture, the chemical industry, as a hydrogen carrier, or as fuel for power generation and the maritime and shipping industry.

Project Benefits

Substantial benefits have already been seen, and are expected to continue from the EVREC Green Energy Hub Project through both the construction and operations, which include:

- \$12-14 billion in capital expenditure;
- \$9.3 billion increase in provincial GDP over the life of the project;
- \$5.6 billion contribution to employment income in the province;
- \$14.8 billion revenue to the province through in-province activity;

- \$507 million in municipal tax revenue;
- Significant employment opportunities, with the company estimating:
 - 4,200 jobs through construction; and,
 - 835 jobs through operations.

Environmental Impact Statement

The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) submitted by the Exploits Valley Renewable Energy Corporation (EVREC) in May 2026 adds significant details to the previously submitted Environmental Assessment Registration document (October 2024). Energy NL's review of the EIS found detailed answers to the items listed for further consideration by the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador which were stated in the EIS Guidelines document. The content of the EIS has been presented in an easy-to-follow manner, with additional details included as needed. The combination of this EIS with the Environmental Registration ensures that the environmental assessment process for this project has produced thorough results which support project approval.

Conclusion

Energy NL supports the approval of this project based upon the environmental research undertaken, including baseline studies in the project area; the commitments from the proponent to meet environmental standards; and the economic benefits the project will provide Energy NL members and the entire province. This combined wind power and hydrogen project would be an integral part of a new energy industry in Newfoundland and Labrador, providing employment, local supply and service opportunities, training, technology transfer, and other benefits. This project would also help meet global energy demand.

This project is consistent with resource development objectives of both the provincial and federal governments and will be a conduit to fulfill international agreements and commitments made to produce and export clean hydrogen and derivative fuels. Projects such as the EVREC Green Energy Hub are necessary for Newfoundland and Labrador and Canada to advance their hydrogen economies.

With respect to supply and service opportunities for Newfoundland and Labrador companies, Energy NL believes this project to be a tremendous opportunity for its members, and we encourage the approval of this project and the timely development of the relevant Benefits Plan. Energy NL is willing to work with the provincial government and any proponent regarding the implementation of such a plan, as well as continued engagement of the supply and service sector of the energy industry to ensure full and fair opportunity for them to participate in these renewable energy projects.



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