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NB Power Wind RFP Nets 25 Submissions for 1400 MW of Wind Power

Fredericton – NB Power is currently evaluating 25 proposals totaling 1400 MW of wind energy. The Request for Proposals, which closed on August 31, was issued to acquire up to 300 MW of wind energy to be on-line by the end of 2010.

Evaluations will be based on pricing, schedule for development, yearly production, local content and reliability of supply. The proposed locations are consistent with the Wind Farm Map developed by the Université de Moncton.

“NB Power has accelerated its plan to have up to 400 MW of large-scale wind energy projects online by 2010,” stated David D. Hay, NB Power President and CEO. “This additional 300 MW, over and above the 96 MW which will come on-line in 2008, is part of our commitment to New Brunswickers to increase our generation in the form of renewable energy by 10% and thus minimize our environmental footprint. The New Brunswick System Operator, an independent body, established 400 MW as the maximum threshold for wind energy at this time. After we have this generation in-place, we will be evaluating how we can move forward with additional wind energy generation.”

As energy projects become increasingly important, New Brunswick content can be a key component in proposals submitted. As a result, the Province will evaluate this content to further enhance New Brunswick’s role in the development of this industry.

“Renewable energy is very important to this government as it will reduce our greenhouse gas emissions, provide economic development, and decrease our dependence on foreign fuels which increases energy security and decreases the impact of fossil fuel price volatility,” said Energy Minister Jack Keir. “We are working diligently on this file and look forward to these projects going live. As we go forward, it will be important for the successful proponent(s) to work closely with the communities in which the wind farm(s) will be developed. All projects will require an environmental impact assessment which will call for public consultation.”

The evaluation process is anticipated to be completed in the coming weeks.

About The NB Power Group: The Group employs almost 2,500 New Brunswickers and consists of a holding company and four operating companies. The Group operates one of North America’s most diverse networks of generating stations with an installed net capacity of 3,959MW. The NB Power Group is committed to providing safe, reliable and efficient power to its more than 370,000 customers in New Brunswick.

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