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### **DOKIE WIND ENERGY PROJECT RECEIVES APPROVAL**

VICTORIA – Victoria-based Dokie Wind Energy Inc. (the proponent) has received provincial environmental certification for a proposed 300-megawatt wind energy project located in the Peace River Region.

The project will be sited on a number of high-elevation ridge tops in the Rocky Mountain foothills, approximately 40 kilometres southwest of Hudson's Hope and 40 kilometres west of Chetwynd.

The environmental assessment concluded the project would have no significant adverse environmental, social or health effects on the surrounding area. In addition, the proponent will still need to obtain the necessary provincial approvals and leases following receipt of an environmental assessment (EA) certificate.

The provincial EA certificate contains 22 environmental management plans and 43 commitments that the proponent must implement throughout the various phases of the project. Some key commitments include:

- Two years of post-construction monitoring for birds and bats.
- Preparation of a surface erosion and sediment prevention plan prior to construction.
- Appointment of an environmental coordinator responsible for implementing and monitoring all environmental programs.
- Ongoing communication with: the local communities of Moberly Lake, Hudson's Hope and Chetwynd; guide outfitters and trapping tenure holders; and First Nations communities.

Capital costs are approximately \$600 million. The project is expected to create 300 construction jobs and 30 permanent operations positions.

The proponent will establish an operations control facility in Chetwynd for its proposed Dokie wind project. There will also be opportunities for local contractors to provide support services to the operation and to provide or deliver supplies to the site. The proponent intends to maximize local First Nations and non-First Nations local employment and contracting activities.

More information on the environmental assessment certificate can be found at [www.eao.gov.bc.ca](http://www.eao.gov.bc.ca).

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