

**Appendix E**  
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# **Dokie Wind Energy Project**

Environmental Assessment

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## Issues Tracking Table and Responses

### Issues Raised by the Public during the Public Comment Period (ended March 13 2006)

	Question/Comment	Frequency (number of times raised)	Proponent Response	Associated section in EA Application (if appropriate)	Proposed Action
1	Comment states that letter in the Northeast News from Mark and Kim Gillies (Feb. 15 2006) makes false claims against wind power projects.	1	Comment directed to the BCEAO and authors of the letter. No response is provided by the proponent.	--	--
2	Information on potential interference to microwave communication systems and radar applications from wind energy projects to the Ministry of Defence.	1	<p>Comment not directed to the proponent. This issue will be referred to Industry Canada by CEAA.</p> <p>The Application has addressed the issue of inference to microwave links and concludes that no impacts are anticipated, as no microwave signals are passing through the wind energy project (see section 6.15.4.3 of the Application).</p> <p>After further review of the Industry Canada</p>	6.15.4.3	--

			<p>database, the closest radio beacon to the Project is located at the Chetwynd airport. Given the great distance from the project, no impact to this radar system is anticipated.</p> <p>Industry Canada has not yet raised any issues with respect to radar applications in the area. Should Industry Canada identify other radar applications in the vicinity of the Project, the proponent will evaluate the potential impacts of the Project to these systems, as required.</p>		
3	<p>Project should be rejected because of long term health effects, stating that the “health and safety of our future generations should be our only concern”. Comment also states that the “only safe place for them (wind farms) is on the mountain tops”.</p>	1	<p>Wind energy is a relatively young industry and has not been the subject of long term health effect assessments. A literature review did not identify any studies on long term health impact.</p> <p>Common health impacts raised in the context of wind projects, which are not unique to these, are noise, pollutant emissions (dust from construction activities) and electromagnetic fields. These were assessed in the Application and effects were evaluated to be not significant (see section 6.16 of the Application).</p> <p>It should be noted as well that the turbines of the Dokie Wind Energy Project are all located on mountain tops or ridges, in a relatively remote and uninhabited area.</p>	6.16	--