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Shayne McDonald  
Committee Chair  
Committee for Regional Assessment of Offshore Wind  
Development in Newfoundland and Labrador  
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Shayne McDonald:

Thank you for your letter of October 4, 2023, inquiring about my intent to develop a Ministerial Regulation following the completion of the Regional Assessment of Offshore Wind Development in Newfoundland and Labrador.

As you are aware, the main purpose of regional assessments is to inform and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of future federal impact assessment decisions in the region where the regional assessment is being conducted.

Under the *Impact Assessment Act*, I may make regulations that would designate specific physical activities that, under established conditions, would be excluded from having to undergo an impact assessment, after considering a regional assessment. There is no specific regulation under development at this time.

Thank you for your excellent work and commitment on the conduct of the Regional Assessment of Offshore Wind Development in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Sincerely,

<Original signed by>

The Honourable Steven Guilbeault, P.C., M.P. (il/lui/he/him)