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### **South Kent Wind Project R3287 – Turbine T034**

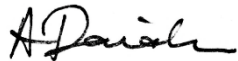
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## Executive Summary

Aercoustics Engineering Limited (“Aercoustics”) was retained by South Kent Wind LP to complete the acoustic audit requirements outlined in the Renewable Energy Approval (“REA”) for South Kent Wind Project (“SKWP”). SKWP operates under REA #2871-8UKGPC, issued on June 15, 2012.

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This report presents the results of the additional I-Audit assessment for receptor R3287 near turbine T034. The E-Audit results for T034 indicated that the measured sound power level of the test turbine exceeded the sound power level set out in the REA. In addition, the maximum measured tonal audibility of the turbine exceeded 3 dB and thus would need to be evaluated in the far field. As such, the audit at R3287 was conducted to assess compliance of the sound pressure level and tonal audibility in the far field.

The monitoring near receptor R3287 was conducted over the following period:

Audit Receptor	Audit Start Date	Audit End Date	Monitoring Duration (weeks)
R3287	October 22, 2019	January 4, 2020	11

The audit has been completed as per the methodology outlined in Parts D and E5.5 RAM-I (Revised Assessment Methodology) of the “*MECP Compliance Protocol for Wind Turbine Noise*” (updated April 21, 2017).

Based on the results presented in this report, the assessment requirements outlined in the Compliance Protocol have been met and the cumulative sound impact calculated at R3287 complies with the MECP sound level limits at all wind bins with sufficient data for assessment.

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## 1 Introduction

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This report presents the results of the I-Audit assessment for receptor R3287 near turbine T034.

The audit was completed per the methodology outlined in Part D and Part E of the Compliance Protocol for Wind Turbine Noise (“Compliance Protocol” or “Protocol”), April 2017 revision. The Compliance Protocol is an Ontario MECP document used to evaluate noise from a wind turbine at nearby receptors.

## 2 Background

The most up-to-date E-Audit report submitted and reviewed by the MECP for turbine T034 is as follows:

REPORT ID: 13228.00.T034.RP5, South Kent Wind Farm – Turbine T034 IEC  
61400-11 Edition 3.0 Measurement Report dated 21 December 2018 –  
Revision 5.

The results of the E-Audit test are summarized in Table 1 below.

Table 1: E-Audit Results Summary

Sound Power			Maximum Tonal Audibility	
REA (dBA)	Audit (dBA)	Exceeds REA plus 0.5 dB* (Y/N)	Audit (dBA)	Exceeds 3 dB** (Y/N)
105	105.8	Y	3.1	Y

\* REA sound power levels plus 0.5 dB threshold specified in accordance with Section E3.1 of the Protocol.

\*\* 3 dB threshold specified in accordance with Section D3.8.3 of the Protocol.

The E-Audit results indicated that the measured sound power level of the test turbine exceeded the sound power level set out in the REA. In addition, the maximum measured tonal audibility of the turbine exceeded 3 dB and thus would need to be assessed in the far field.

In review of the report, the MECP requested that additional supporting measurements be conducted at the receptor location closest to the test turbine, in accordance with Section E.3.1.2 of the Protocol. This feedback was delivered in an email dated January 4, 2019 and further clarified in a call on January 14, 2019.

For reference, a detailed summary of the sound power and tonal audibility assessment results from the T034 E-Audit is provided in Appendix F.

### **3 Facility Description**

South Kent Wind Project is a wind facility comprising 124 Siemens SWT-101 wind turbines with name plate capacities of 2.221 MW, 2.126 MW, 1.903 MW, and 1.824 MW. The total name plate capacity of the facility is 270 megawatts. Each turbine has a hub height of 99.5 metres. The facility is located in the Chatham-Kent Municipality.

The facility has two large substation transformers rated at 148 and 129 MVA. The facility is designed to operate 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

### **4 Audit Location**

The receptor selection process, measurement equipment, and details regarding the monitoring locations are provided in this section.

#### **4.1 Receptor Selection**

Measurement equipment was erected at receptor R3287 near the test turbine T034. The measurement location was selected as per Section E3.1.2 of the Compliance Protocol, wherein measurements are to be conducted at the point of reception with the greatest predicted noise impact from the specified test turbine (“worst-case receptor”). The frequent downwind conditions were also considered for receptors with similar predicted partial sound levels from the test turbine. The prevailing wind direction for the site is discussed in the following section.

Land access to the worst-case receptor R3282 was not possible due to a horse pen in the proposed monitor location. Supporting documentation is provided in Appendix G. As a result, a similarly impacted receptor was selected in consultation with the MECP and confirmed in an email from the MECP dated July 19, 2019.

The receptor selection table for T034 is shown in Table 2 below. Predicted sound impacts at the receptor were obtained from the Noise Assessment Report for SKWP prepared by Hatch and dated May 7, 2013. A sound model using the original assessment report parameters was created by Aercoustics to calculate predicted sound levels at monitor locations.

Table 2: Receptor Selection Table

SPL Rank	Point of Reception ID	Nearest Turbine	Distance to Test Turbine (m)	Predicted Overall Sound Level (dBA)	Predicted Partial Sound Level from <u>test turbine</u> only* (dBA)	Wind Direction from Test Turbine	Notes
1	R3282	T034	594	39.4	36.8	Downwind	Land access denied
2	<b>R3287</b>	<b>T034</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>39.1</b>	36.1	<b>Crosswind</b>	<b>Measured location</b>

\* These values are predicted based on the manufacturer specified sound power level for each turbine, not the measured sound power levels. They are included to be indicative of the relative contribution of the turbine of interest at each location.

#### 4.1.1 Historical Wind Direction

Historical wind direction information was provided by SKWP and used to support selection of suitable audit receptors. This wind direction information is provided in Figure 1, and the prevailing downwind direction for the facility was determined to be 210°.

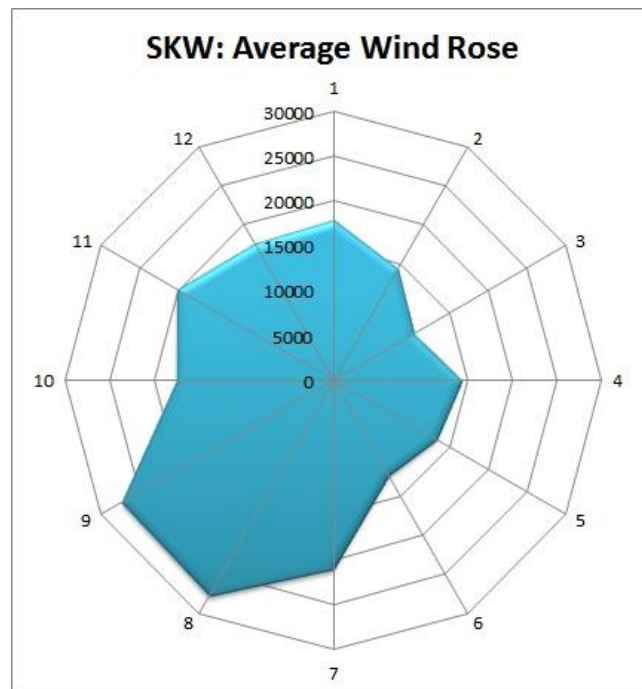


Figure 1: Historical Wind Rose used for Receptor Selection

## 4.2 Monitoring Location

The monitor was erected approximately 20 metres from the coordinates of R3287, 14 metres closer to the test turbine (turbine T034). The monitor was erected at the receptor height of 4.5 metres. The ground cover between the measurement location and the nearest turbines was open field, predominantly covered with short crops.

Table 3 provides a summary of the receptor and monitor locations. Site photographs and plans are provided in Appendix A.

Table 3: Coordinates and Turbines to Receptor and Measurement Locations

Audit Receptor	Measurement Duration	Location	Coordinates (UTM x,y, Zone 17T)	Distance to Test Turbine (m)	Predicted Overall Sound Level (dBA)
R3287	Oct 22, 2019 – Jan 4, 2020	Receptor	415523 mE / 4692441 mN	635	39.1
		Monitor	415509 mE / 4692452 mN	621	39.2

## 4.3 Existing Ambient Environment

The ambient acoustic environment for the SKWP site is comprised of a mixture of many different ambient sources. The contribution of noise from flora, fauna, traffic, and industry near the monitor location were considered throughout the measurement campaign.

Existing ambient noise sources were categorized as either extraneous – such as short-term events, or frequency-specific noise – or constant noise sources as part of the existing ambient sound environment. In the case of extraneous noise sources, filtering was employed to reduce or remove it, as further discussed in Section 5.3.2. For constant noise sources identified as being a part of the existing ambient sound environment, efforts were made to ensure that the noise was equally present in both *Total Noise* and *Background* periods, as further discussed in Section 5.3.3.

### 4.3.1 Flora Noise

Ambient noise from flora refers to the noise generated by wind blowing over vegetation and foliage and is typically proportional to wind speed, with higher wind speeds generating increased amounts of noise. Due to its ever-present and broadband nature, noise from flora is considered a constant noise source as part of the existing ambient environment.

The monitor was located in a field with short crop cover, directly adjacent to a fenced-off grass field, both which had negligible noise impact on the measurements. An area of approximately 40x40 ft was cleared around the monitor prior to installation. The monitor was also located approximately 35 metres from the nearest tree line to the north, and more than 20 metres from any dwellings.

#### 4.3.2 Fauna Noise

Noise from fauna refers to noise typically arising from the activity of insects, birds, livestock, or dogs. Noise of this nature may be concentrated at high frequencies (such as crickets chirping) or limited to short-term events (such as dogs barking). Noise from fauna is considered extraneous noise.

Cricket noise was present at the monitor location and was especially prominent in the early fall months from September to November. There was also a dog on the property. There were no other significant sources of fauna noise identified at the monitor location.

#### 4.3.3 Traffic Noise

Traffic noise may include short-term events such as individual car passbys (considered extraneous noise) or constant noise (i.e. “traffic hum”) from high-volume or frequently travelled roads and highways.

The monitor was located approximately 125 metres from Harwich Road to the north-east. Due to the distance from the nearest road, individual car passbys were not a significant source of noise throughout the measurement campaign.

The audit receptor is approximately 2 km from the Ontario Highway 401 (ON-401) to the north-west. As a result, traffic noise was found to be a constant presence during the measurement campaign. The contribution of traffic noise from the ON-401 varied significantly depending on the wind direction.

#### 4.3.4 Industry Noise

No significant sources of industry noise were identified in the vicinity of the monitor.

#### 4.3.5 Self-Generated Noise

Self-generated noise is noise which results from wind blowing over the monitoring equipment and is a factor at high wind speeds at the measurement position. This noise was minimized by a secondary wind screen installed around the microphone in accordance with Section D2.1.4 of the Protocol. The insertion loss of the wind screen has been tested and was accounted for in the analysis.

#### 4.3.6 Other Sources

No other notable ambient noise sources were identified in the vicinity of the monitor.

## 5 Audit Methodology

For the duration of the measurement campaign, acoustic and weather data were logged simultaneously in one-minute intervals at the measurement location. Analysis and filtering were conducted in accordance with Sections D5.2 and E5.5 of the Protocol, with additional filters applied as needed—following the guidance in the Protocol—to remove or reduce

extraneous ambient noise (see Section 5.3.2 below) and ensure representative ambient conditions (see Section 5.3.3 below).

Intervals that passed the filtering criteria were sorted into integer wind bins<sup>1</sup> depending on the measured wind speed at 10 metres above ground level (“10m-AGL”) and classified as either *Total Noise* or *Background* depending on the operation of the nearby SKWP turbines. The *Turbine-Only* sound level for each wind bin was determined by logarithmically subtracting the average *Background* levels from the *Total Noise* level in wind bins with sufficient data for assessment.

The calculation of the average measured tonal audibility was determined in accordance with IEC 61400-11 Edition 3.0, as per Section D3.8.3 of the Protocol, with modifications to adapt the method to immission measurements. Calculations were conducted based on the narrowband spectra of the intervals within the tonality assessment dataset from 20 Hz to 3000 Hz with a frequency resolution of 2 Hz. As per IEC 61400-11, a tone would have to be present in at least 20% of the samples in order to be deemed relevant and evaluated under the penalty scheme (discussed in Section 5.4.3). This reduces the possibility of intermittent tones related to either the unsteady operation of the turbines, or from other contaminating sources, being attributed to the steady state operation of the turbines.

The assessment dataset was determined based on the minimum power output of the test turbine corresponding to prominent tones in the T034 E-Audit test results. Tones with a tonal audibility greater than 0 dB were considered. In the T034 E-Audit test results, there was a tone in the 9 m/s (hub height) wind bin with a tonal audibility of 0.3 dB, which is marginally above 0 dB and was not considered prominent. Table 3 presents a summary of the relevant tones for this assessment as determined from the E-Audit, and includes the frequency range, tonal audibility range, and corresponding turbine operational parameters during which elevated tonal audibility levels were observed. A centre frequency of 515 Hz was selected for the tonality assessment.

Table 4: Summary of Relevant Tones from T034 E-Audit

Turbine ID	Frequency Range (Hz)	Tonal Audibility (dB)	Hub Height Wind Speed Range (m/s)	Electrical Power Output Range (kW)
T034	513 – 524	0.3 – 3.1	10.5 – 12.5	2068 – 2221

<sup>1</sup> An integer wind bin spans 1 m/s, centred on each integer wind speed, open at the low end and closed at the high end.



### 5.1 Measurement Equipment

The following acoustic and non-acoustic measurement equipment was installed at the monitor location:

- One (1) Type 1 sound level meter with microphone and pre-amplifier, installed at receptor height;
- One (1) primary and one (1) secondary<sup>2</sup> windscreen for the microphone; and
- One (1) anemometer, installed at 10m-AGL

The measurement equipment was configured to log one-minute equivalent sound levels ( $L_{eq}$ ) in A-weighted broadband and 1/3<sup>rd</sup> octave band frequencies. The microphone was installed at least 5 metres away from any large reflecting surfaces, as far away as practically possible from trees and other foliage, and in direct line of sight to the nearest SKWP turbines.

Table 5 lists the specific make, model, and serial numbers for the measurement equipment.

Table 5: Equipment Details

Audit Receptor	Equipment	Make/Model	Serial Number	Date of Last Calibration
R3287	Data Acquisition Card	NI 9234	1AE4581	June 27, 2019
	Signal Conditioner	PCB 480E09	33662	June 18, 2019
	Microphone	PCB 377B02	150480	June 19, 2019
	Pre-Amplifier	PCB 426E01	37427	June 19, 2019
	Weather Anemometer	Vaisala WXT520	M0410642	July 25, 2019

The measurement chain was calibrated before, during, and after the measurement campaign using a type 4231 Brüel & Kjær acoustic calibrator. The measurement equipment was also verified by laboratory calibration per the requirements in Section D2.3 of the Protocol; calibration certificates are provided in Appendix D.

### 5.2 Measurement Parameters

Measurement equipment was configured to run from approximately 9pm to 6am, local time. The measurement parameters acquired and used in the audit are listed in Table 6.

<sup>2</sup> The 1/3 octave band insertion loss of the secondary windscreen has been tested and has been accounted for in the data analysis.

Table 6: Measurement Parameters Used in the Study

Parameter Group	Measurement Parameters	Notes
Acoustic (microphone height)	$L_{Aeq}$	dBA
	$L_{90}$	dBA
	1/3 <sup>rd</sup> Octave Band	dBA (20 Hz – 10 kHz)
	Signal Recording	Uncompressed raw files
Weather (10-m height)	Wind Speed	m/s
	Wind Direction	0-360°
	Temperature	°C
	Humidity	0-100%
	Precipitation	mm
Turbine (hub height)	Wind Speed	Provided by operator
	Yaw Angle	Provided by operator
	Power Output	Provided by operator
	Rotational Speed	Provided by operator

SKWP wind turbine operational information was collected during the measurement campaign using the facility SCADA system and provided to Aeroustics by South Kent Wind LP.

### 5.3 Filtering Criteria

Intervals were included or excluded from analysis depending on several filtering criteria. Some of these criteria apply to all intervals and some apply only for *Total Noise* or *Background* intervals. Measurement intervals were first passed through the *All Intervals* filters, after which they were sorted into either *Total Noise* or *Background* categories based on the operation of the nearby turbines. Intervals were included in the assessment dataset if they met all the following criteria:

#### *All Intervals*

- Occurred between 10pm – 5am
- Had no precipitation within one hour before or after
- Had an ambient temperature above -20°C
- Had minimal influence from extraneous ambient noise sources

#### *Total Noise Intervals*

- All nearby turbines were operating
- Test turbine was generating sufficient power:
  - *For sound pressure level analysis:* Test turbine was generating at least 85% of the maximum rated power output
  - *For tonality analysis:* Test turbine was generating at least the minimum power output corresponding to the conditions where the measured tonal audibility was greater than 0 dB during the E-Audit test
- Monitor was located downwind of the test turbine

#### *Background Intervals*

- All nearby turbines were parked (i.e. not rotating)
- Monitor was located downwind of the test turbine

#### 5.3.1 Turbines in Study Area

As noted above, several filtering criteria were applied based on the operation of the nearest turbine and the turbines in the surrounding area. To verify the operation of these turbines, information from the facility SCADA was processed along with the acoustic and weather data.

The minimum number of turbines included in the study area for the receptor and verified for *Total Noise* measurements was selected based on the guidance of Section D3.8.1 of the Protocol:

##### ***D3.8.1 Overall equivalent sound level – wind turbines operational***

*“[...] At a minimum, all relevant turbines of the subject and adjacent wind facilities, typically within 3 km of the measurement location should be operational. In the event that an adjacent wind facility dominates the background sound levels, subsequent to approval by the Ministry, an alternative measurement location may be selected.”*

The minimum number of turbines included in the study area of the receptor and verified for *Background* measurements was selected based on the guidance of Section D3.5.2 of the Protocol:

##### ***D3.5.2 Acoustic measurements with wind turbines parked***

*“Ambient noise measurements shall be carried out at a point of reception with all turbines in the vicinity of the point of reception parked. The prediction model will be used to determine the number of turbines that require parking in order for the predicted noise contribution of the wind facility to fall to 30 dBA or 10 dB less than the applicable criterion.”*

The turbines in the study area of the receptor are listed in Table 7 below.

Table 7: Turbines Included in the Study Area

Audit Receptor	Turbines verified for <i>Total Noise</i> Measurements	Turbines verified for <i>Background</i> Measurements
R3287	T024, T029, T030, T031, T032, T033, T034, T035, T036, T039, T040, T041, T042, T108, T120, T135, T155, T156	T031, T032, T033, T034, T035, T036, T039, T040, T041, T108, T135, T156

Parked turbines do not rotate or generate power. There is some idling of the blades (~2 RPM or less), but the acoustic impact of the turbines in this condition is negligible at the receptor. The turbines were confirmed to be running in their normal operating mode for the duration of the monitoring campaign. See Appendix B for a statement from the operator.

### 5.3.2 Removal of Extraneous Noise

‘Extraneous noise’ is defined as ambient sound sources unrelated to the operation of the wind facility. The removal or reduction of extraneous noise sources in the measurement data is important to ensure the assessment of turbine-only sound levels is as accurate and free of contamination as possible. The Protocol provides the following guidance regarding extraneous noise:

#### **C2.4.7 Extraneous noise sources<sup>3</sup>**

*“Measurements are to be inhibited when the sound level is affected by noise from extraneous sources such as vehicle noise, dogs barking and wind gusts (i.e. other than wind turbine sound).”*

*“The same result can also be achieved by digitally recording the sound level time history and later editing out the extraneous events and recalculating the descriptors such as Leq. This should address measurement situations where extraneous sounds were not inhibited.”*

#### **D3.5 Acoustic measurements**

*“[...] In addition, if the background sound levels are greater than the applicable exclusion limits then the applicable limits are the background sound levels without extraneous noise sources.”*

#### **D5.3 Effects of insects and fauna**

*“The analysis shall identify the influence of any insects, fauna, or other extraneous but constant sources of noise and verify them through sound recordings. Noise from insects*

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<sup>3</sup> It is acknowledged that the measurements in this report follow Part D and Part E of the Protocol and this guidance is from Part C. Nevertheless, the guidance regarding the removal of extraneous noise in Part C is applicable here as the requirement to remove contamination from the measurement dataset follows good engineering principles for noise measurements.

*can be removed from the 1/3<sup>rd</sup> octave spectra of each measurement. It has to be shown, however, that the contribution of the wind turbine noise in those frequencies is minimal.”*

#### **D6 Assessment of compliance**

*“[...] However, if the background sound levels are greater than the applicable exclusion limits then the applicable limits are now the background sound levels without extraneous noise sources.”*

Extraneous noise can be steady or transient. Steady noise can be removed via filtering or removal of specific 1/3<sup>rd</sup> octave bands affected by the contamination (as per Protocol section D5.3). Transient noise can be removed or reduced from the dataset by a combination of automatic and manual filtering techniques.

Steady noise from crickets, identified at a frequency of 3150 Hz and above and verified through listening tests, was removed from the 1/3<sup>rd</sup> octave spectra for all measurements. The contribution from the wind turbine noise in those frequencies was evaluated as further discussed in Section 6.4.2.

Extraneous noise from car passbys and other short-term events was removed by manually removing intervals that had been verified through listening tests to have audible contamination.

#### **5.3.3 Representative Ambient Conditions**

The conditions present during the *Total Noise* and *Background* periods must be from similar weather and wind shear conditions, per Protocol section D3.8.2:

##### **D3.8.2 Overall equivalent sound level – wind turbines parked**

*“Ambient noise measurements should be performed with the turbines parked and conducted within the same general measurement period and with the same weather and wind shear conditions. Measurements of ambient noise obtained during other periods are not recommended and should only be used with great caution to ensure that they represent the “current” ambient noise.”*

*Background* measurements were collected periodically throughout the measurement campaign to ensure the *Background* and *Total Noise* measurements were collected during similar conditions in the same seasons.

Due to the varying noise contribution of the ON-401 at different wind directions, the *Background* periods were filtered to only include intervals where the monitor was downwind of the test turbine location to represent the same conditions as the *Total Noise* measurements.

#### **5.3.4 Adjacent Wind Facilities**

No additional wind facilities were present in the area adjacent the receptor location.

## 5.4 Compliance Criteria

The minimum criteria required for an assessment of compliance per the Compliance Protocol are detailed in this section.

### 5.4.1 Sample Size Requirements

Requirements per the RAM-I methodology of the Compliance Protocol (Section E5.5) are used for this audit. Per Section E5.5 of the Protocol, an assessment dataset is considered complete if at least three wind bins from 1 – 7 m/s (inclusive) or two wind bins from 1 – 4 m/s (inclusive) are complete. A wind bin is considered complete if there are at least 60 valid *Total Noise* and 30 valid *Background* intervals.

For the purposes of the tonal audibility analysis of these far field measurements, per Section D3.8.3 of the protocol, a wind bin is considered complete if there are at least five (5) one-minute intervals for *Total Noise* and *Background*.

### 5.4.2 Sound Level Limits

Sound level limits vary with 10m-AGL wind speed and by class designation. The area surrounding the South Kent Wind Project site has previously been designated as Class 3. Exclusion limits for a Class 3 area are summarized in Table 8 below.

Table 8: MECP Exclusion Limits (Class 3)

Wind speed at 10 m height, 10m-AGL (m/s)	Sound Level Exclusion Limit (dBA)
≤ 6	40
7	43

These sound level limits apply to points of reception. Given that the predicted impact at the monitoring location is greater than the predicted impact at the receptor (see Table 3, Section 4.2), results at the monitor are conservative and can be used to show compliance at the receptor.

Sections D3.5 and D6 of the Protocol also note that where the measured *Background* sound level exceeds the exclusion limits, the sound level limit for that wind bin is the *Background* sound level without extraneous noise sources. Wind bins where the measured *Background* sound level exceed the exclusion limits are noted in Table 13.

### 5.4.3 Tonal Penalty

Any applicable tonal penalties are based on the mean tonal audibility for each wind bin and are calculated according to Annex C of ISO 1996-2-2007, per Section E5.5.2 of the Protocol. The penalty scheme is summarized in Table 9 below.

Table 9: Calculation of Applicable Tonal Penalty

Mean Audibility, $\Delta L$	Tonal Adjustment, $K_T$
$\Delta L \leq 4$ dB	0 dB
$4 \text{ dB} < \Delta L \leq 10$ dB	$\Delta L - 4$ dB
$10 \text{ dB} < \Delta L$	6 dB

## 5.5 Deviations

Any deviations from the methods prescribed in the Protocol are discussed in this section.

### 5.5.1 Measurement Bandwidth

As noted in Table 6, the measurement bandwidth used is 20 – 10,000 Hz. This is a deviation from the Protocol Section D2.1.1 requirement of a 20 – 20,000 Hz frequency response. Due to the high attenuation of noise levels at high frequencies, noise at the receptor from the wind facility above 10,000 Hz will be insignificant<sup>4</sup>.

## 6 Audit Results

Sound levels and weather conditions measured throughout the course of the I-Audit campaign are summarized in the following sections.

### 6.1 Audit Duration

The length of the monitoring campaign is summarized in Table 10 below.

Table 10: Length of Monitoring Campaign

Audit Receptor	Audit Start Date	Audit End Date	Monitoring Duration (weeks)
R3287	October 22, 2019	January 4, 2020	11

### 6.2 Weather Conditions

Throughout the measurement campaign, a variety of weather conditions were encountered. The range of weather conditions measured in the assessment dataset are summarized in Table 11. Note that the assessment dataset includes the *Total Noise* and *Background* data that remains after filtering.

Table 11: Range of Weather Conditions in Assessment Dataset

Audit Receptor	Atmospheric Pressure (hPa)	10m-AGL Wind Speed (m/s)	Relative Humidity (%)	Temperature (°C)	Hub-Height Wind Speed (m/s)
R3287	982 – 1016	0.4 – 10.5	56 – 86	-12 – 11	0.2 – 15.7

<sup>4</sup> From Table 2 of ISO 9613-2, acoustic frequencies above 8 kHz experience attenuation from atmospheric absorption alone of more than 80 dB/km.

During the audit period, the predominant wind direction was measured to be from the south-west. A wind rose detailing the measured wind directions observed during the entire measurement campaign is provided in Figure 2. Note that wind directions shown on the wind rose indicate the direction the wind is coming from. The purple shaded region represents the downwind condition from the test turbine at the monitor location.

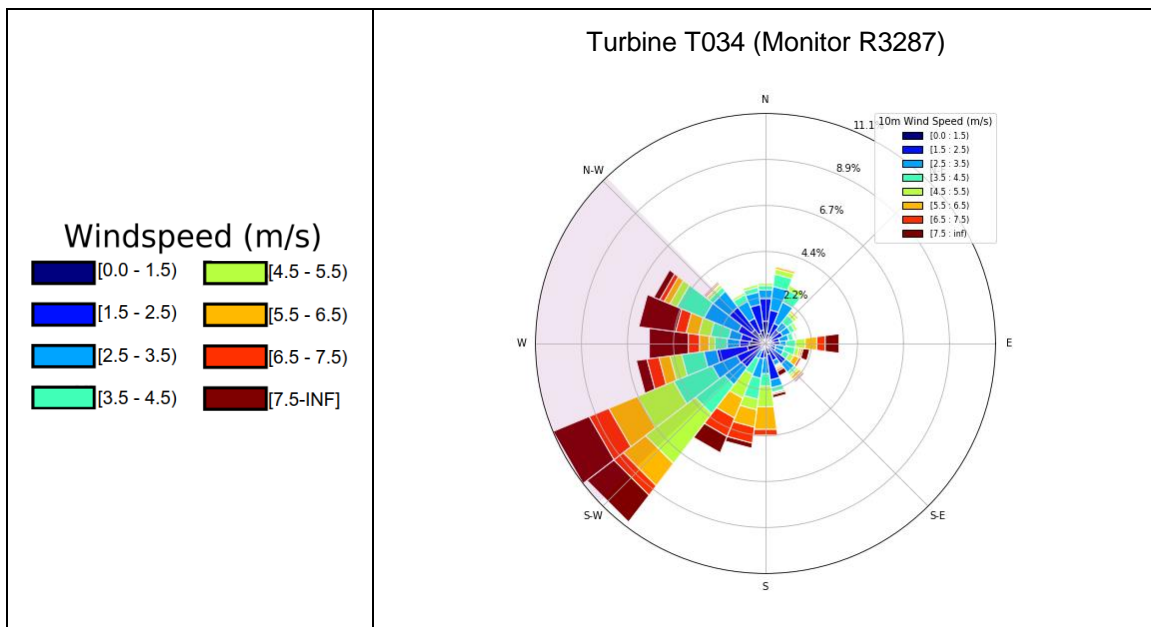


Figure 2: Wind Rose (All Measured Data)

From Figure 2, the distribution of wind directions observed during the measurement campaign is similar to those expected based on the historical wind rose provided in Section 4.1.1. Wind roses for the assessment dataset are included in Appendix C.

### 6.3 Data Excluded due to Filtering Criteria

A range of power output and wind conditions were measured over the course of the audit campaign. Table 12 provides the amount of time during the measurements (between 9pm and 6am) where the two main filtering conditions (high turbine power and downwind conditions) were met, i.e. the percentage of time during the measurement campaign that a receptor experienced the maximum noise impact from the South Kent Wind Project facility.



Table 12: Prevalence of Suitable Turbine Conditions During Measurements

Audit Receptor	Test Turbine	Prevalence of Downwind	Prevalence of High Output (>85% power)	Prevalence of Downwind and High Output
R3287	T034	42%	12%	5%

These conditions represent the minimum requirements for valid *Total Noise* intervals. The additional filters discussed in Section 5.3 further reduced the assessment dataset.

#### 6.4 Measured Sound Levels

Average measured sound levels by wind bin for *Total Noise* and *Background* periods are presented in Table 13 below. As noted in Section 5.3, the sound pressure level assessment dataset was filtered based on a minimum power threshold of 85% of the maximum turbine power output.

Table 13: Average Measured Sound Levels, RAM-I Analysis

Audit Receptor	Period	Measurement Parameter	Wind Bin (m/s)						
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7
R3287	Total Noise	Number of Samples	0	0	0	57	187	298	357
		Average $L_{Aeq}$ (dBA)	-	-	-	-	44	46	48
		Standard Deviation (dB)	-	-	-	-	1.3	1.3	1.3
	Background	Number of Samples	87	2	0	9	34	59	101
		Average $L_{Aeq}$ (dBA)	39	-	-	-	42 <sup>†</sup>	45 <sup>†</sup>	47 <sup>†</sup>
		Standard Deviation (dB)	2.6	-	-	-	1.9	1.1	1.4

- Sound level not reported in wind bin if minimum sample size not met for *Total Noise* (60) or *Background* (30).

<sup>†</sup> Measured *Background* sound level is higher than the MECF exclusion limit in the wind bin.

It should be noted that the sound levels presented here are rounded to the nearest integer; all calculations and analysis are conducted using the un-rounded sound levels.

Measurement data points from Table 13 are also plotted in Figure 3 below.

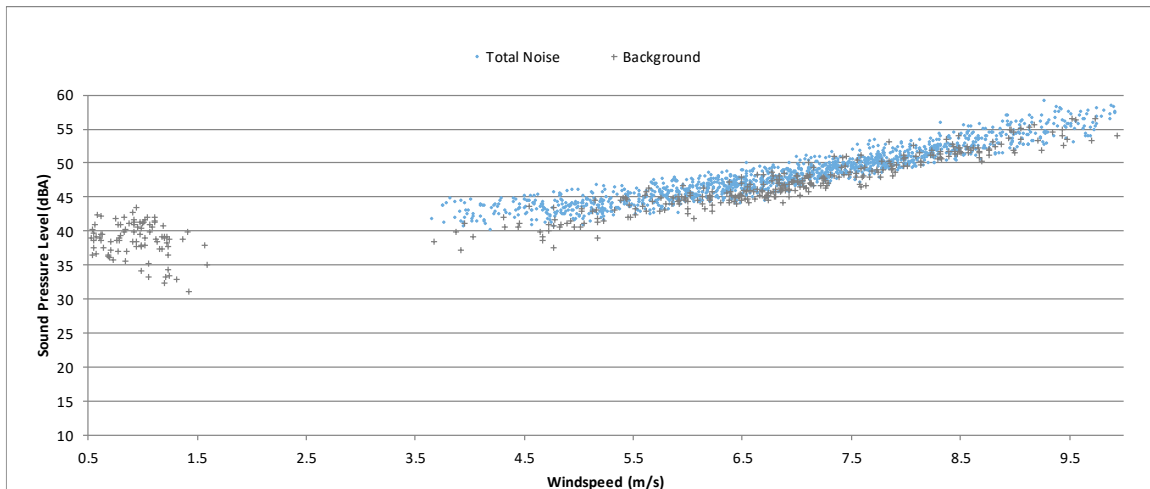


Figure 3: Average Measured Total Noise and Background Sound Levels  
Monitor Near R3287

#### 6.4.1 Tonal Adjustment

Tonal audibility results for R3287 in the far field of T034 are presented in Table 14 below. As noted in Section 5.3, the tonal assessment dataset was filtered based on a minimum power threshold of 2068 kW.

Table 14: Tonality Assessment Table

Centre Frequency	Tonality Parameter	Wind Bin (m/s)						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
515 Hz	Data Points in Wind Bin	0	0	0	38	118	185	273
	Data Points with Detected Tone	-	-	-	11	13	9	8
	Tonal Presence	-	-	-	29%	11%	5%	3%
	Mean Tonal Audibility, $\Delta L$ (dB)	-	-	-	-5.8	-4.6	-4.9	-3.3
	Tonal Adjustment, $K_T$ (dB)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

- Sound level not reported in wind bin if minimum sample size (5) not met.

From the results in Table 14, no tones were detected that exceeded the 4 dB threshold for tonal penalties. As a result, no tonal penalty is applicable.

#### 6.4.2 Other Adjustments

As noted in Section 5.3.2, the 1/3<sup>rd</sup> octave band frequencies of 3150 Hz and above were removed from the assessment dataset due to contamination from cricket noise. The contribution from the wind facility at these excluded frequencies was determined at the monitor location by calculating the partial noise impact from the facility in the excluded frequency range. The impact from the facility at 3150 Hz and above was determined to be

6.9 dBA at the monitor. Although the excluded impact is negligible, it has been added logarithmically to the final calculated Turbine-Only sound level at the monitor location shown in Table 16.

### 6.5 Turbine-Only Sound Levels

The average measured sound levels by wind bin for *Total Noise* and *Background* periods are presented in Table 15.

Table 15: Calculated Turbine-Only Sound Levels, RAM-I Analysis

Audit Receptor	Measurement Period	Wind Bin (m/s)						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
R3287	Total Noise (dBA)	-	-	-	-	44	46	48
	Background (dBA)	39	-	-	-	42 <sup>†</sup>	45 <sup>†</sup>	47 <sup>†</sup>
	Signal to Noise (dBA)	-	-	-	-	1.8	1.3	1.2
	Turbine-Only (dBA) [monitor location]	-	-	-	-	39*	40*	42*
	Tonal Adjustment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

- Sound level not reported in wind bin if minimum sample size not met for *Total Noise* (60) or *Background* (30).

<sup>†</sup> Measured *Background* sound level is higher than the MECP exclusion limit in the wind bin.

\* Signal-to-noise level less than 3 dB. Increased uncertainty in determination of Turbine-Only Sound Impact.

As noted previously, the monitor was located approximately 2 km from the ON-401 Highway. Due to the constant presence of traffic noise, elevated ambient levels were observed throughout the campaign period. To account for the variable impact of noise from the ON-401 the background dataset was filtered for the downwind direction to ensure that measured background levels were representative of those measured during the Total Noise measurements.

The impact of the ON-401 resulted in measured *Background* levels greater than the MECP exclusion limits and a low signal-to-noise ratio between the measured *Total Noise* and the *Background* levels at 5 – 7 m/s. As shown in Table 15 above, the signal-to-noise ratio was below 3 dB in the 5 – 7 m/s wind bins. As a result, there is an increased uncertainty in the determination of the Turbine-Only sound impact at the monitor. However, the standard deviations of the *Total Noise* data at all wind bins is below 2 dB, which indicates that the signal has low variation in the measured level.

## 7 Assessment of Compliance

This section provides the results of the measurements and calculations as they pertain to the determination of compliance of the facility in accordance with the criteria listed in Section 5.4 of this report.

### 7.1 Assessment Table

Table 16 compares the final Turbine-Only sound levels for each wind bin at the Receptor location to the applicable exclusion limits and background sound levels. Final Turbine-Only sound levels at the Point of Reception are calculated by taking the Turbine-Only sound level at the measurement location and applying any applicable adjustments as indicated in Table 15.

Table 16: Assessment Table

Audit Receptor	Wind speed at 10m-AGL (m/s)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>R3287</b>	Turbine-Only Sound Level (dBA)	-	-	-	-	39*	40*	42*
	Background Sound Level (dBA)	39	-	-	-	42 <sup>†</sup>	45 <sup>†</sup>	47 <sup>†</sup>
MECP Exclusion Limit (dBA)		40	40	40	40	40	40	43
Compliance? (Y/N)		-	-	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes

- Sound level not reported in wind bin if minimum sample size not met for *Total Noise* (60) or *Background* (30).

<sup>†</sup> Measured *Background* sound level is higher than the MECP exclusion limit in the wind bin.

\* Signal-to-noise level less than 3 dB. Increased uncertainty in determination of Turbine-Only Sound Impact.

### 7.2 Statement of Compliance

Based on the Receptor Turbine-Only sound levels presented in Table 16, sound immission levels at the audited receptor are in compliance with the applicable sound level limits.

## 8 Conclusion

Aeroustics was retained by South Kent Wind LP to complete an additional supporting I-Audit at the worst-case receptor of turbine T034, in response to the E-Audit test submitted December 21, 2018 and reviewed by the MECP.

The additional I-Audit measurements were conducted in accordance with the MECP Compliance Protocol for Wind Turbine Noise from October 22, 2019 to January 4, 2020 at receptor R3287 near T034.

Based on the results presented in this report, the assessment requirements outlined in the Compliance Protocol have been met and the cumulative sound impact calculated at R3287 complies with the MECP sound level limits at all wind bins with sufficient data for assessment.

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## **Appendix A**

### Site Details

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## Legend

- Ontario HWY 401
- ★ Campaign Monitor
- ★ Spring 2015 Campaign Monitor
- Receptor Locations
- ▲ South Kent Turbines
- Third Party Turbines
  - ▲ Talbot
  - ▲ Chatam
  - ▲ Front Line
  - ▲ Port Alma
  - ▲ Bisnett Line
  - ▲ Raleigh
  - ▲ Erieau Blenheim



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## Appendix A.1

Site Plan Overview







## Legend

- Campaign Receptor
- ★ Campaign Monitor
- ▲ South Kent Turbines
- - - Ontario HWY 401
- - - Harwich Road



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## Appendix A.2

Monitor and Receptor Location





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## Appendix A.3

Monitor to T034

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**Appendix B**  
Statement from the Operator

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February 12, 2020

Director, Environmental Approvals Access and Service  
Integration Branch Ministry of Environment  
2 St. St Clair Avenue West, Floor 12A  
Toronto ON M4V 1L5

Subject: South Kent Wind Project (REA #2871-8UKGPC) Receptor Imission Audit 2019-2020

Dear Director

Please accept this letter as confirmation that all turbines tested during the acoustics measurement campaign conducted by Aercoustics Engineering Limited from September 18, 2019 to January 22, 2020 were operating normally for the duration of the campaign, with the exception of specific time periods during which the turbines were placed in remote owner stop to facilitate ambient noise measurements.

The turbines placed in remote owner stop for ambient measurements were different depending on the receptor targeted, and were as follows:

- R4368: T001, T002, T003, T004, T006, T106, T118, T138, T166
- R3287: T031, T032, T033, T034, T035, T036, T039, T040, T041, T108, T135, T156
- R3344: T026, T028, T029, T030, T035, T036, T042, T108, T109, T120, T135
- R3167: T032, T033, T037, T038, T039, T040, T045, T046
- R2794: T055, T056, T057, T060, T100, T111, T164
- R4248: T001, T002, T003, T004, T006, T093, T102, T138, T152, T166, T167

The turbines verified for operational measurements were different depending on the receptor targeted, and were as follows:

- R4368: T001, T002, T003, T004, T006, T007, T008, T093, T106, T107, T118, T138, T166, T167
- R3287: T024, T029, T030, T031, T032, T033, T034, T035, T036, T039, T040, T041, T042, T108, T120, T135, T155, T156
- R3344: T026, T028, T029, T030, T031, T034, T035, T036, T041, T042, T108, T109, T120, T135, T155
- R3167: T032, T033, T034, T037, T038, T039, T040, T041, T044, T045, T046
- R2794: T054, T055, T056, T057, T058, T060, T097, T100, T111, T163, T164
- R4248: T001, T002, T003, T004, T006, T093, T102, T138, T152, T166, T167

Sincerely,

Kevin Aikenhead  
Facility Manager  
South Kent Wind  
C: 519-350-9373

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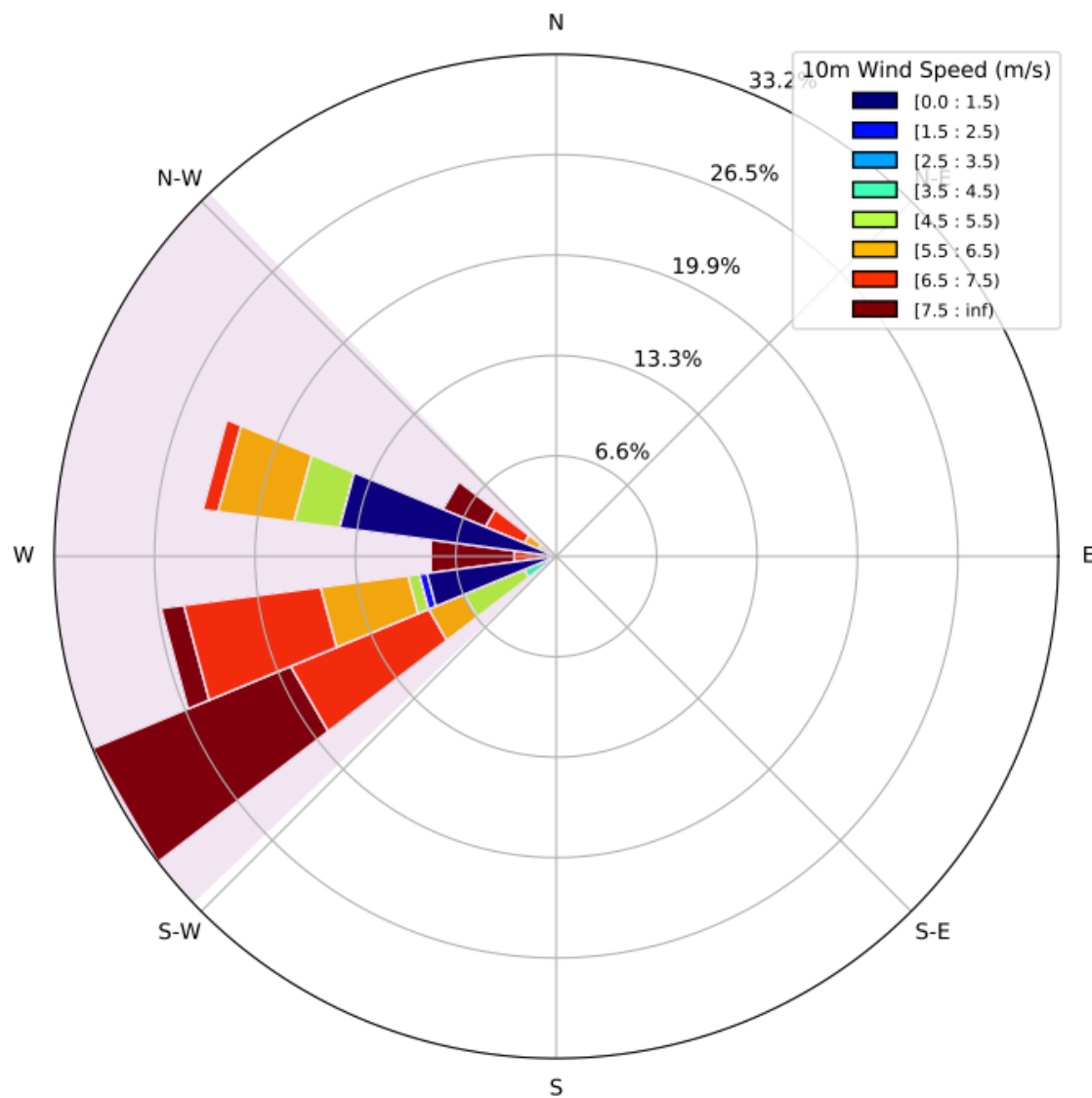
## **Appendix C**

### Wind Roses

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## Legend

 Turbine Downwind Direction



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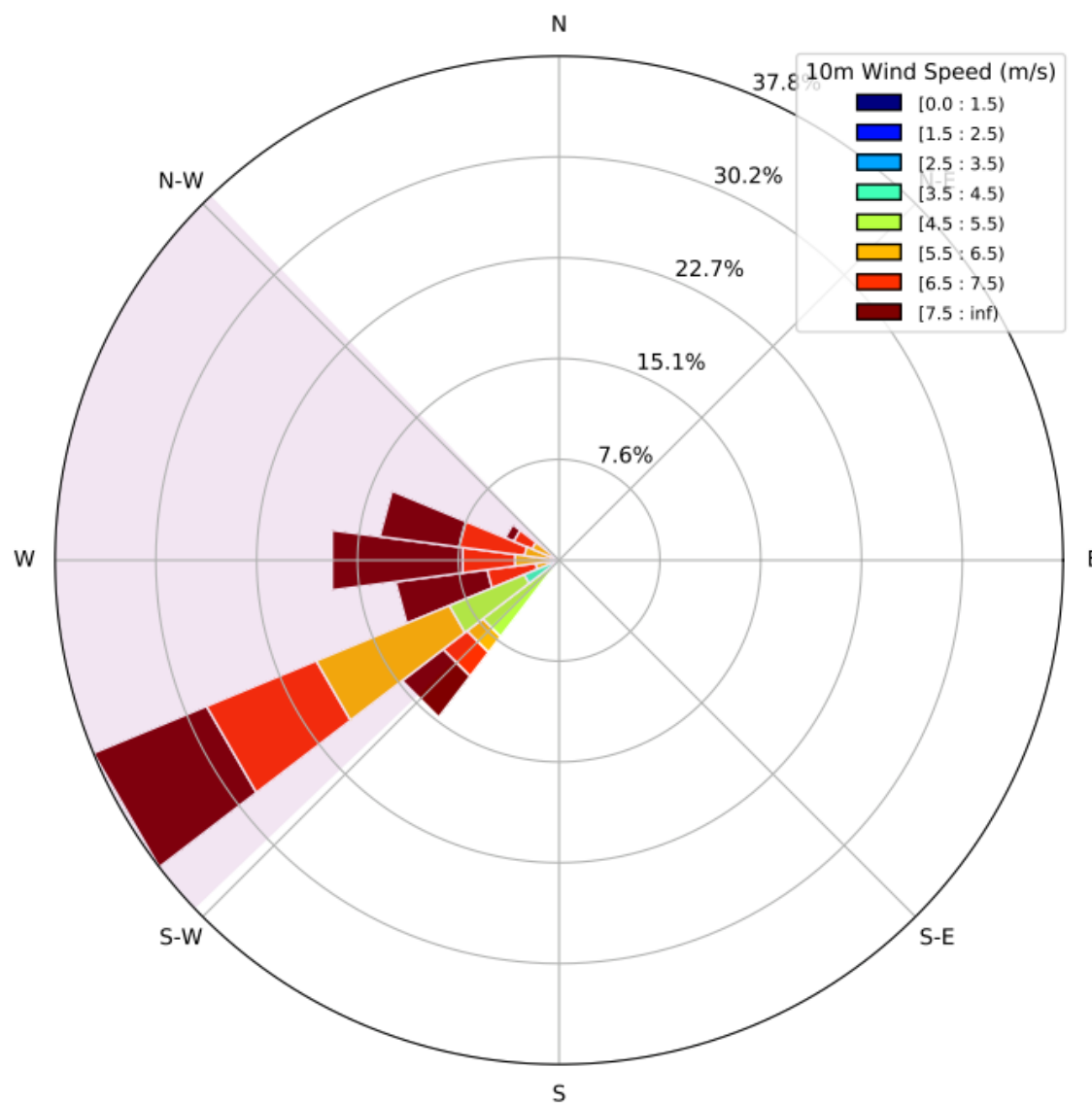
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## Appendix C.2

Supplementary Wind Rose  
 based on Assessment Data  
 Background Noise

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 Turbine Downwind Direction



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## Appendix C.1

Supplementary Wind Rose  
 based on Assessment Data  
 Total Noise

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**Appendix D**  
Calibration Certificates

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## CALIBRATION CERTIFICATES

Details are disclosed in the table below regarding the calibration of the equipment used for the Immission Audit at monitor location R3287. The associated calibration certificates are provided in this appendix.

Audit Receptor	Equipment	Make/Model	Serial Number	Date of Last Calibration
R3287	Data Acquisition Card	NI 9234	1AE4581	June 27, 2019
	Signal Conditioner	PCB 480E09	33662	June 18, 2019
	Microphone	PCB 377B02	150480	June 19, 2019
	Pre-Amplifier	PCB 426E01	37427	June 19, 2019
	Weather Anemometer	Vaisala WXT520	M0410642	July 25, 2019



# *CERTIFICATE of CALIBRATION*

Make : PCB Piezotronics

Reference # : 157550

Model : 480E09

Customer : Aeroustics Engineering Ltd  
Mississauga, ON

Descr. : Conditioning Amplifier

Serial # : 00033662

P. Order : 2019.06.14C

Asset # : 00166

Cal. status : Received in spec's, no adjustment made.


*Navair Technologies certifies that the above listed instrument was calibrated on date noted and was released from this laboratory performing in accordance with the specifications set forth by the manufacturer.*

*Unless otherwise noted in the calibration report a 4:1 accuracy ratio was maintained for this calibration.*

*Our Quality System system complies with the requirements of ISO-9001-2015 and is registered under certificate CA96/269, working standards used for calibration are certified by or traceable to the National Research Council of Canada or the National Institute of Standards and Technology.*

Calibrated : Jun 18, 2019

By :



Cal. Due : Jun 18, 2021

Petro Onasko

Temperature : 23 °C ± 2 °C    Relative Humidity : 30% to 70%

Standards used : J-233 J-255 J-367 J-512

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Calibration Report for Certificate :

157550

Make	Model	Serial No	Asset
PCB Piezotronics	480E09	00033662	00166

Test	Input	Min	Reading	Max	In/Out
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Gain accuracy at 1 kHz

Gain Set

• 1	1.000 V		0.9800	0.9998	1.0200	In
• 10	0.100 V		0.9800	0.9995	1.0200	In
• 100	0.010 V		0.9800	0.9976	1.0200	In

Gain Flatness

Gain • 1

10 Hz	1.000 V		-5.0	0.2%	5.0	In
10 kHz	1.000 V		-5.0	0.0%	5.0	In
50 kHz	1.000 V		-5.0	0.1%	5.0	In
100 kHz	1.000 V		-5.0	0.1%	5.0	In

Gain • 10

10 Hz	0.100 V		-5.0	0.2%	5.0	In
10 kHz	0.100 V		-5.0	0.0%	5.0	In
50 kHz	0.100 V		-5.0	-0.1%	5.0	In
100 kHz	0.100 V		-5.0	-0.9%	5.0	In

Gain • 100

10 Hz	0.010 V		-5.0	0.1%	5.0	In
10 kHz	0.010 V		-5.0	0.8%	5.0	In
50 kHz	0.010 V		-5.0	0.7%	5.0	In

# ***CERTIFICATE of CALIBRATION***

Make : PCB Piezotronics

Reference # : 157555

Model : 378B02

Customer : Aeroustics Engineering Ltd  
Mississauga, ON

Descr. : Microphone System 1/2" Free Field

Serial # : 118496

P. Order : 2019.06.14C

Asset # : 00093

Cal. status : Received in spec's, no adjustment made.  
Preamp System with Mic 377B02 s/n 150480

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*Unless otherwise noted in the calibration report a 4:1 accuracy ratio was maintained for this calibration.*

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Calibrated : Jun 19, 2019

By : 

Cal. Due : Jun 19, 2021

Petro Onasko

Temperature : 23 °C ± 2 °C Relative Humidity : 30% to 70%

Standards used : J-216 J-324 J-333 J-420 J-512

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PCB Piezotronics		378B02	118496	00093		
PCB Piezotronics		426E01	037427	00093		
PCB Piezotronics		377B02	150480	00093		

Sensitivity at 250 Hz

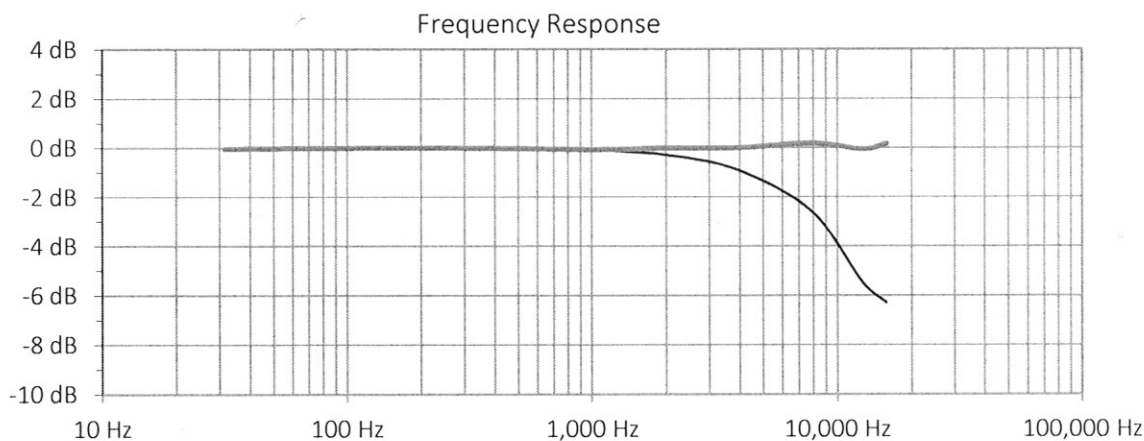
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-26.02	dB re 1V/Pa	-28.02	-26.54	-24.02		In
0	dB re 50mV/Pa	-2	-0.52	2		In

Ambient Conditions: Static Pressure      98.8 kPa  
Temperature      24.9°C  
Rel.Humidity      46.0%

Frequency response

	Lower	Upper
Freq	Pressure	Free Field
Hz	dB	dB
31.5	-0.05	-0.04
63.1	-0.02	-0.02
125.9	-0.01	0.00
251.3	0.00	0.00
502.5	-0.03	-0.02
1005.1	-0.10	-0.08
1978.7	-0.28	-0.02
3957.5	-0.91	0.00
7914.9	-2.60	0.19
12663	-5.47	-0.06
15830	-6.29	0.17

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# Compliant Calibration Certificate

Template Revision: Feb2018

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CANADA



Manufacturer: National Instruments Model: NI 9234  
Serial Number: 1AE4581  
Part Number: 195551B-01L Description: MODULE ASSY, NI 9234, 4 AI CONFIGURABLE

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Procedure Version: 3.6.1.0 Calibration Executive Version: 4.6.2.0  
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**Calibration Notes**

Type	Note
Asset	Verification and adjustment were performed.

**Standards Used**

Manufacturer	Model	Type	Tracking Number	Calibration Due	Notes
Fluke	5720A	Calibrator	9379	09-JUL-2019	
National Instruments	PXI-4461	Function generator	9520	20-AUG-2019	
National Instruments	PXI-4071	Digital multimeter	9840	17-MAY-2020	
National Instruments	PXI-4132	SMU	9845	21-JUN-2020	

The standards used in this calibration are traceable to NIST and/or other National Measurement Institutes (NMI's) that are signatories of the International Committee of Weights and Measures (CIPM) mutual recognition agreement (MRA).

**Calibration Results**

As Found

**Verify Accuracy**

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-5 V	5 V	0	0.00000 V	-0.00120 V	-0.00000 V	0.00120 V	Passed	
-5 V	5 V	0	-4.00000 V	-4.00480 V	-4.00000 V	-3.99520 V	Passed	
-5 V	5 V	1	4.00000 V	3.99520 V	3.99995 V	4.00480 V	Passed	
-5 V	5 V	1	0.00000 V	-0.00120 V	-0.00002 V	0.00120 V	Passed	
-5 V	5 V	1	-4.00000 V	-4.00480 V	-3.99997 V	-3.99520 V	Passed	
-5 V	5 V	2	4.00000 V	3.99520 V	4.00000 V	4.00480 V	Passed	
-5 V	5 V	2	0.00000 V	-0.00120 V	0.00001 V	0.00120 V	Passed	
-5 V	5 V	2	-4.00000 V	-4.00480 V	-3.99995 V	-3.99520 V	Passed	
-5 V	5 V	3	4.00000 V	3.99520 V	3.99995 V	4.00480 V	Passed	
-5 V	5 V	3	0.00000 V	-0.00120 V	-0.00004 V	0.00120 V	Passed	
-5 V	5 V	3	-4.00000 V	-4.00480 V	-4.00004 V	-3.99520 V	Passed	



As Found

## Verify Gain Matching

Max Gain Difference for Channel	Rate	Samples per Channel	Test Value	Low Limit	Reading	High Limit	Status	Notes
0	10240	10240	4 V	-0.040 dB	0.000 dB	0.040 dB	Passed	
1	10240	10240	4 V	-0.040 dB	-0.000 dB	0.040 dB	Passed	
2	10240	10240	4 V	-0.040 dB	-0.000 dB	0.040 dB	Passed	
3	10240	10240	4 V	-0.040 dB	0.000 dB	0.040 dB	Passed	

As Found

## Verify Phase Matching

Max Phase Difference for Channel	Rate	Samples per Channel	Test Value	Low Limit	Reading	High Limit	Status	Notes
0	51200	16384	1000 Hz	-0.085 Degrees	-0.015 Degrees	0.085 Degrees	Passed	
1	51200	16384	1000 Hz	-0.085 Degrees	0.015 Degrees	0.085 Degrees	Passed	
2	51200	16384	1000 Hz	-0.085 Degrees	-0.011 Degrees	0.085 Degrees	Passed	
3	51200	16384	1000 Hz	-0.085 Degrees	0.009 Degrees	0.085 Degrees	Passed	
0	51200	16384	10000 Hz	-0.490 Degrees	-0.124 Degrees	0.490 Degrees	Passed	
1	51200	16384	10000 Hz	-0.490 Degrees	0.124 Degrees	0.490 Degrees	Passed	
2	51200	16384	10000 Hz	-0.490 Degrees	-0.095 Degrees	0.490 Degrees	Passed	
3	51200	16384	10000 Hz	-0.490 Degrees	0.076 Degrees	0.490 Degrees	Passed	



As Found

## Verify Common Mode Rejection Ratio

Channel	Rate	Samples per Channel	Test Value	Low Limit	Reading	High Limit	Status	Notes
0	51200	16384	1000 Hz	40.000 dB	52.924 dB	100.000 dB	Passed	
1	51200	16384	1000 Hz	40.000 dB	50.331 dB	100.000 dB	Passed	
2	51200	16384	1000 Hz	40.000 dB	52.790 dB	100.000 dB	Passed	
3	51200	16384	1000 Hz	40.000 dB	51.570 dB	100.000 dB	Passed	

As Found

## Verify IEPE Current

Channel	Rate	DMM Range	Test Value	Low Limit	Reading	High Limit	Status	Notes
0	51200	0.01 A	2.000 mA	2.000 mA	2.092 mA	2.200 mA	Passed	
1	51200	0.01 A	2.000 mA	2.000 mA	2.081 mA	2.200 mA	Passed	
2	51200	0.01 A	2.000 mA	2.000 mA	2.075 mA	2.200 mA	Passed	
3	51200	0.01 A	2.000 mA	2.000 mA	2.070 mA	2.200 mA	Passed	



As Found

## Verify IEPE Compliance Voltage

Channel	Rate	SMU Voltage Limit	Test Value	Low Limit	Reading	High Limit	Status	Notes
0	51200	24 V	2 mA	19.000 V	20.851 V	24.000 V	Passed	
1	51200	24 V	2 mA	19.000 V	20.859 V	24.000 V	Passed	
2	51200	24 V	2 mA	19.000 V	20.856 V	24.000 V	Passed	
3	51200	24 V	2 mA	19.000 V	20.858 V	24.000 V	Passed	

## As Left

## Verify Accuracy

Lower Range	Upper Range	Channel	Test Value	Low Limit	Reading	High Limit	Status	Notes
-5 V	5 V	0	4.00000 V	3.99520 V	4.00043 V	4.00480 V	Passed	
-5 V	5 V	0	0.00000 V	-0.00120 V	0.00043 V	0.00120 V	Passed	
-5 V	5 V	0	-4.00000 V	-4.00480 V	-3.99955 V	-3.99520 V	Passed	
-5 V	5 V	1	4.00000 V	3.99520 V	4.00001 V	4.00480 V	Passed	
-5 V	5 V	1	0.00000 V	-0.00120 V	-0.00000 V	0.00120 V	Passed	
-5 V	5 V	1	-4.00000 V	-4.00480 V	-3.99999 V	-3.99520 V	Passed	
-5 V	5 V	2	4.00000 V	3.99520 V	4.00001 V	4.00480 V	Passed	
-5 V	5 V	2	0.00000 V	-0.00120 V	0.00001 V	0.00120 V	Passed	
-5 V	5 V	2	-4.00000 V	-4.00480 V	-3.99999 V	-3.99520 V	Passed	
-5 V	5 V	3	4.00000 V	3.99520 V	3.99999 V	4.00480 V	Passed	
-5 V	5 V	3	0.00000 V	-0.00120 V	-0.00001 V	0.00120 V	Passed	
-5 V	5 V	3	-4.00000 V	-4.00480 V	-4.00000 V	-3.99520 V	Passed	



As Left

## Verify Gain Matching

Max Gain Difference for Channel	Rate	Samples per Channel	Test Value	Low Limit	Reading	High Limit	Status	Notes
0	10240	10240	4 V	-0.040 dB	-0.000 dB	0.040 dB	Passed	
1	10240	10240	4 V	-0.040 dB	0.000 dB	0.040 dB	Passed	
2	10240	10240	4 V	-0.040 dB	0.000 dB	0.040 dB	Passed	
3	10240	10240	4 V	-0.040 dB	-0.000 dB	0.040 dB	Passed	

As Left

## Verify Phase Matching

Max Phase Difference for Channel	Rate	Samples per Channel	Test Value	Low Limit	Reading	High Limit	Status	Notes
0	51200	16384	1000 Hz	-0.085 Degrees	-0.014 Degrees	0.085 Degrees	Passed	
1	51200	16384	1000 Hz	-0.085 Degrees	0.014 Degrees	0.085 Degrees	Passed	
2	51200	16384	1000 Hz	-0.085 Degrees	-0.010 Degrees	0.085 Degrees	Passed	
3	51200	16384	1000 Hz	-0.085 Degrees	0.009 Degrees	0.085 Degrees	Passed	
0	51200	16384	10000 Hz	-0.490 Degrees	-0.124 Degrees	0.490 Degrees	Passed	
1	51200	16384	10000 Hz	-0.490 Degrees	0.124 Degrees	0.490 Degrees	Passed	
2	51200	16384	10000 Hz	-0.490 Degrees	-0.095 Degrees	0.490 Degrees	Passed	
3	51200	16384	10000 Hz	-0.490 Degrees	0.076 Degrees	0.490 Degrees	Passed	



As Left

## Verify Common Mode Rejection Ratio

Channel	Rate	Samples per Channel	Test Value	Low Limit	Reading	High Limit	Status	Notes
0	51200	16384	1000 Hz	40.000 dB	59.395 dB	100.000 dB	Passed	
1	51200	16384	1000 Hz	40.000 dB	62.008 dB	100.000 dB	Passed	
2	51200	16384	1000 Hz	40.000 dB	55.598 dB	100.000 dB	Passed	
3	51200	16384	1000 Hz	40.000 dB	60.040 dB	100.000 dB	Passed	

As Left

## Verify IEPE Current

Channel	Rate	DMM Range	Test Value	Low Limit	Reading	High Limit	Status	Notes
0	51200	0.01 A	2.000 mA	2.000 mA	2.079 mA	2.200 mA	Passed	
1	51200	0.01 A	2.000 mA	2.000 mA	2.081 mA	2.200 mA	Passed	
2	51200	0.01 A	2.000 mA	2.000 mA	2.075 mA	2.200 mA	Passed	
3	51200	0.01 A	2.000 mA	2.000 mA	2.070 mA	2.200 mA	Passed	



## As Left

## Verify IEPE Compliance Voltage

Channel	Rate	SMU Voltage Limit	Test Value	Low Limit	Reading	High Limit	Status	Notes
0	51200	24 V	2 mA	19.000 V	20.853 V	24.000 V	Passed	
1	51200	24 V	2 mA	19.000 V	20.860 V	24.000 V	Passed	
2	51200	24 V	2 mA	19.000 V	20.858 V	24.000 V	Passed	
3	51200	24 V	2 mA	19.000 V	20.858 V	24.000 V	Passed	



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## CERTIFICATE FOR CALIBRATION OF SONIC ANEMOMETER

**Certificate number:** 19.US2.06530

**Date of issue:** July 25, 2019

**Type:** Vaisala Weather Transmitter, WXT520

**Serial number:** M0410642

**Manufacturer:** Vaisala, Oyj, PL 26, FIN-00421 Helsinki, Finland

**Client:** Aeroustics Engineering Ltd., 1004 Middlegate RD, Suite 1100, S.Tower, Mississauga, ON L4Y 1M4, Canada

**Anemometer received:** July 24, 2019

**Anemometer calibrated:** July 25, 2019

**Calibrated by:** MEJ

**Procedure:** MEASNET, IEC 61400-12-1:2017 Annex F

**Certificate prepared by:** EJF

**Approved by:** Calibration engineer, EJF

**Calibration equation obtained:**  $v \text{ [m/s]} = 1.01646 \cdot U \text{ [m/s]} + 0.04383$

**Standard uncertainty, slope:** 0.00129

**Standard uncertainty, offset:** 0.31457

**Covariance:** -0.0000170 (m/s)<sup>2</sup>/m/s

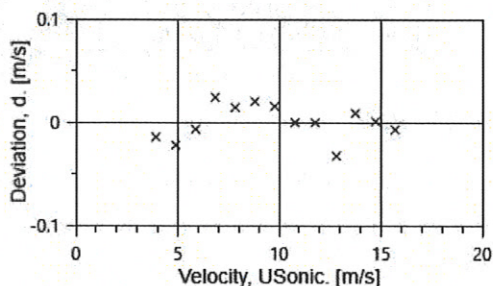
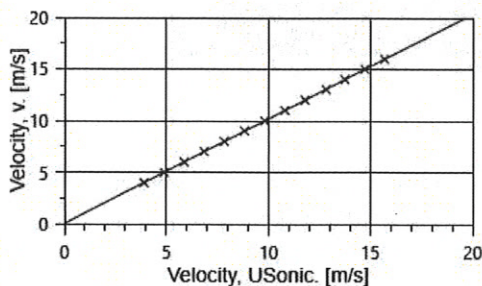
**Coefficient of correlation:**  $\rho = 0.999991$

**Absolute maximum deviation:** -0.033 m/s at 13.042 m/s

**Barometric pressure:** 1006.9 hPa

**Relative humidity:** 42.9%

Succession	Velocity pressure, q. [Pa]	Temperature in wind tunnel [°C]	d.p. box [°C]	Wind velocity, v. [m/s]	Anemometer Output, U. [m/s]	Deviation, d. [m/s]	Uncertainty u <sub>c</sub> (k=2) [m/s]
2	9.28	27.7	31.1	4.000	3.9067	-0.014	0.023
4	14.46	27.7	31.1	4.995	4.8931	-0.022	0.026
6	20.94	27.7	31.0	6.010	5.8767	-0.007	0.030
8	28.59	27.7	31.0	7.024	6.8433	0.024	0.034
10	37.22	27.7	31.0	8.014	7.8267	0.014	0.038
12	47.21	27.7	31.0	9.026	8.8167	0.020	0.043
13-last	58.19	27.7	30.9	10.020	9.8000	0.015	0.047
11	70.39	27.7	31.0	11.021	10.8000	0.000	0.051
9	83.73	27.7	31.0	12.021	11.7833	0.000	0.056
7	98.56	27.7	31.0	13.042	12.8200	-0.033	0.060
5	113.95	27.7	31.1	14.024	13.7448	0.009	0.064
3	130.73	27.7	31.1	15.021	14.7333	0.001	0.069
1-first	148.26	27.6	31.1	15.995	15.7000	-0.007	0.073



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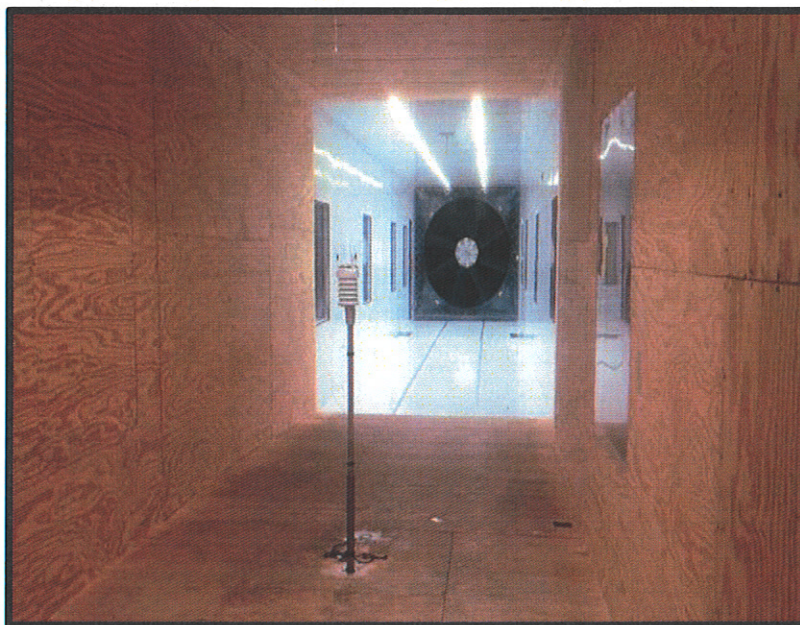




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*Photo of the wind tunnel setup. The cross-sectional area is 2.5m x 2.5m.*

## UNCERTAINTIES

The documented uncertainty is the total combined uncertainty at 95% confidence level ( $k=2$ ) in accordance with EA-4/02. The uncertainty at 10 m/s comply with the requirements in the IEC 61400-12-1:2005 procedure. See Document US.12.01.004 for further details.

## COMMENTS

This sensor was calibrated at the 90° position.

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**Calibration equation obtained:**  $v \text{ [m/s]} = 1.01250 \cdot U \text{ [m/s]} + 0.02782$

**Standard uncertainty, slope:** 0.00120

**Standard uncertainty, offset:** 0.45920

**Covariance:** -0.0000145 (m/s)<sup>2</sup>/m/s

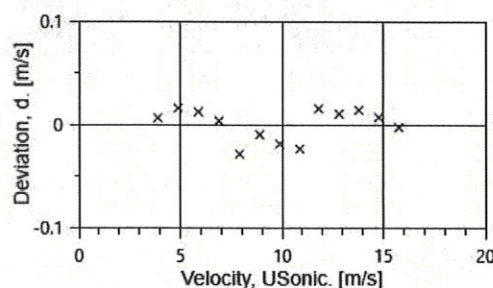
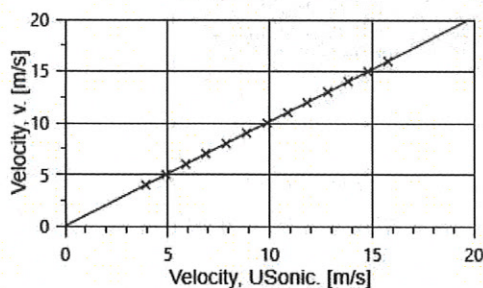
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4	14.53	27.8	30.9	5.008	4.9034	0.016	0.026
6	20.90	27.8	30.9	6.007	5.8933	0.012	0.030
8	28.50	27.8	30.9	7.014	6.8967	0.003	0.034
10	37.09	27.8	30.9	8.001	7.9033	-0.029	0.038
12	47.16	27.8	30.9	9.022	8.8933	-0.010	0.043
13-last	58.18	27.8	31.0	10.022	9.8897	-0.019	0.047
11	70.35	27.8	30.9	11.020	10.8800	-0.024	0.051
9	83.51	27.8	30.9	12.007	11.8167	0.015	0.056
7	98.31	27.8	30.9	13.028	12.8300	0.010	0.060
5	113.97	27.8	30.9	14.028	13.8133	0.014	0.064
3	130.42	27.8	30.9	15.006	14.7867	0.007	0.068
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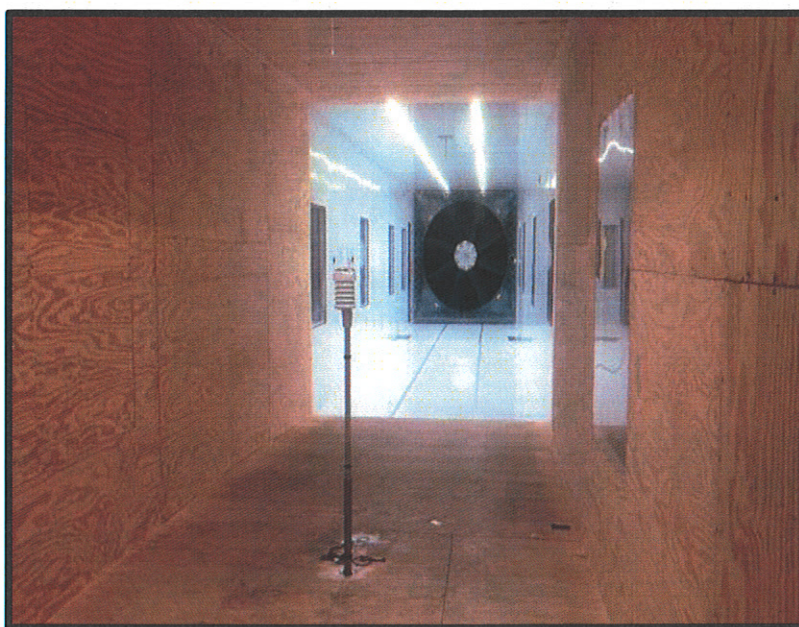




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**Appendix E**  
MECP I-Audit Checklist

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**MECP I-Audit Checklist****Wind Energy Project – Screening Document – Acoustic Audit Report – Immission**  
Information Required in the Acoustic Audit Report – Immission

Item #	Description	Complete?	Comment
1	Did the Sound level Meter meet the Type 1 Sound level meter requirements according to the IEC standard 61672-1 Sound level Meters, Part 1: Specifications? Section D2.1.1	✓	
2	Was the complete sound measurement system, including any recording, data logging or computing systems calibrated immediately before and after the measurement session at one or more frequencies using an acoustic calibrator on the microphone (must not exceed $\pm 0.5\text{dB}$ )? Section D2.1.3	✓	
3	Are valid calibration certificate(s) of the noise monitoring equipment and calibration traceable to a qualified laboratory? Is the validity duration of the calibration stated for each item of equipment? Section D2.3	✓	
4	Was the predictable worst case parameters such as high wind shear and wind direction toward the Receptor considered? Section D3.2	✓	
5	Is there a Wind Rose showing the wind directions at the site? Section D7 (1e)	✓	
6	Did the results cover a wind speed range of at least 4-7 m/s as outlined in section D 3.8.?	✓	
7	Was the weather report during the measurement campaign included in the report? Section D7 (1c)	✓	
8	Did the audit state there was compliance with the limits at each wind speed category? Section D6	✓	
9	Are pictures of the noise measurement setup near Point of reception provided? Section D3.3.2 & D3.4	✓	
10	Was there justification of the Receptor location choice(s) prior to commencement of the I-Audit? Section D4.1	✓	
11	Was there sufficient valid data for different wind speeds? Section D5.2 # 3	✓	
12	Was the turbine (operational) specific information during the measurement campaign in tabular form (i.e. wind speed at hub height, anemometer wind speed at 10 m height, air temperature and pressure and relative humidity) Section D3.7	✓	
13	Were all the calculated standard deviations at all relevant integer wind speeds provided? Section D7 (2d)	✓	
14	Compliance statement	✓	
15	All data included in an Excel spreadsheet	✓	
16	If deviations from standard; was justification of the deviations provided	✓	

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**Appendix F**  
E-Audit Report Summary

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## E-AUDIT REPORT SUMMARY

This section provides a summary of the results from the following E-Audit report:

REPORT ID: 13228.00.T034.RP5, South Kent Wind Farm – Turbine T034 IEC  
61400-11 Edition 3.0 Measurement Report dated 21 December 2018 –  
Revision 5.

### Sound Power Level of Turbine

The calculated apparent sound power level at hub height is summarized in Table 1. Corresponding sound power levels for 10 m height wind speeds are provided in Table 2.

Table 1 –  $L_{WA, K}$  at each integer wind speed

Wind Speed (m/s)	Apparent $L_{WA}$ , (dBA)	Uncertainty (dB)
7.5	102.7	0.8
8	103.5	0.8
8.5	104.8	0.8
9	105.1	0.8
9.5	105.4	0.8
10	105.8	0.7
10.5	105.8	0.8
11	105.7	0.8
11.5	105.6	0.8
12	105.5	0.8
12.5	105.3	0.8

Table 2 –  $L_{WA, 10m, K}$  at each integer wind speed

Wind Speed (m/s)	Apparent $L_{WA}$ , (dBA)	Uncertainty (dB)
5	102.1	1.0
6	104.7	0.8
7	105.6	0.8
8	105.6	0.8
9	105.2	0.8
10	105.2	0.7

### Tonality Analysis

The tonality analysis for the turbine is summarized in Table 3. All  $\Delta L_{tn}$  and  $\Delta L_a$  values reported represent the energy average of all data points with an identified tone that fall within the same frequency of origin.

Table 3 – Tonality Assessment Summary

Wind Speed (m/s)	Frequency (Hz)	Tonality, $\Delta L_{tn}$ (dB)	Tonal audibility, $\Delta L_a$ (dB)	FFT's with tones	Total # of FFT's	Presence (%)
7.5	150	-0.9	1.2	13	36	36%
7.5	415	-3.9	-1.7	18	36	50%
7.5	532	-2.9	-0.5	34	36	94%
8	102	-0.3	1.7	9	42	21%
8	419	-2.3	-0.1	18	42	43%
8	532	-3.8	-1.5	31	42	74%
8.5	514	-3.5	-1.2	39	55	71%
9	517	-2.0	0.3	35	43	81%
9.5	509	-3.4	-1.1	35	45	78%
10	527	-2.4	-0.1	19	28	68%
10.5	513	-0.3	2.1	67	79	85%
11	515	0.1	2.4	70	88	80%
11.5	524	0.4	2.7	69	99	70%
12	516	0.8	3.1	72	94	77%
12.5	516	0.6	2.9	45	64	70%

### Closure

Measurements and analyses per IEC 61400-11:2012 (Edition 3.0) were performed on turbine T034 of the South Kent Wind Farm, located in the municipality of Chatham-Kent. The test turbine was found to have a maximum apparent sound power level of 105.8 dBA and a maximum tonal audibility of 3.1 dB.

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**Appendix G**  
Additional Justification

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February 12, 2020

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Subject: South Kent Wind Project (REA #2871-8UKGPC) Receptor Imission Audit 2019-2020 Land Access

Dear Director

Please accept this letter acknowledging on August 2, 2019 South Kent did attempt to get access granted to lands for receptor R2736, but the land owner declined to participate in the Audit.

Also, South Kent could not use receptor R3282 due to the fact that the potential monitor location was inside of a horse pen. For the safety of the animals it was decided to use another location on the same lands.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Aikenhead". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Kevin Aikenhead  
Facility Manager  
South Kent Wind  
C: 519-350-9373

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**End of Report**

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