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# **Presentation of Information**

Unless otherwise noted, the information contained in this annual information form ("Annual Information Form" or "AIF") is given as at or for the year ended Dec. 31, 2021. Unless the context otherwise requires, all references to the "Company" and to "TransAlta Renewables", "we", "our" and "us" herein refer to TransAlta Renewables Inc. and its subsidiaries on a consolidated basis and, when in reference to information prior to Aug. 9, 2013, includes reference to TransAlta Corporation and its subsidiaries on a consolidated basis to the extent that such reference is in relation to the Initial Assets (as defined herein) that were acquired by TransAlta Renewables on Aug. 9, 2013. Capitalized terms not defined in the body of this AIF shall have the respective specific meanings set forth in Appendix "B" hereto. References to "TransAlta" herein refer to TransAlta Corporation and its subsidiaries, other than the Company. In this AIF, references to "\$" or "dollars" are to Canadian dollars and all amounts in this AIF are stated in Canadian dollars unless otherwise indicated. TransAlta Renewables prepares its financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

# **Special Note Regarding Foward-Looking Statements**

Certain statements contained in this Annual Information Form and the documents incorporated herein by reference constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of applicable Canadian securities laws. These statements relate to future events or the Company's future performance or results. All statements other than statements of historical fact are forward-looking statements. The use of any of the words "anticipate", "plan", "contemplate", "continue", "estimate", "expect", "intend", "propose", "might", "may", "will", "shall", "project", "should", "could", "would", "believe", "predict", "forecast", "pursue", "potential", and "capable" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual performance, results or events to differ materially from those anticipated in such forward-looking statements. No assurance can be given that these expectations will prove to be correct and such forward-looking statements included in this Annual Information Form should not be unduly relied upon. These statements speak only as of the date of this Annual Information Form. In addition, this Annual Information Form may contain forward-looking statements attributed to third-party industry sources.

In particular, this Annual Information Form (or a document incorporated by reference herein) contains forward-looking statements pertaining to the following: the Company's objectives, including providing attractive returns for investors, delivering future growth, and the target payout ratio; the Company's growth projects, including the timing of commercial operations and the costs of the advancement of the Northern Goldfields project (defined below) and future development projects with BHP Billiton Nickel West Pty Ltd, ("BHP"); realizing the benefits from the acquisition of the North Carolina Solar facility; the incident at Kent Hills 1 and 2 wind facilities and the extent of any remediation, the timing and cost of such remediation, and the ability to secure waivers in respect of the Kent Hills bonds; the Company's renewable assets qualifying for and deriving benefit from environmental attributes; the participation in the procurement process of Ontario's Independent Electric System Operator ("IESO") and the ability to secure a contract extension for the Sarnia cogeneration facility following the end of the current contract; regulatory developments and their expected impact on the Company, including the Canadian federal climate plan; expectations in terms of the cost of operations and maintenance; the cyclicality of the business, including as it relates to maintenance costs, production, load and renewable energy credit sales; actions to manage certain risks, including specific notions identified to manage; liquidity, credit, interest rate, project and reputational risks; the Company realizing acquisition and development opportunities; and TransAlta continuing to provide the necessary management, administrative and operational services to the Company.

The forward-looking statements contained in this Annual Information Form and the documents incorporated by reference herein, assumptions have been made regarding, among other things, the matters referred to below: the impacts arising from COVID-19 not becoming significantly more onerous on the Company, which includes the Company being permitted to continue as an essential service; that the cost and availability of materials used in the construction of renewable energy facilities in the jurisdictions in which the Company conducts and intends to conduct its business will remain consistent in all material respects with the current environment for the cost and availability of such materials; that the production from the Company's operating facilities will be consistent in all material respects with the Company's expectations; that there will be no material changes to existing legislation, including the regulatory framework governing electricity generation, transmission and distribution, taxation of renewable power producers, renewable power incentive programs, or environmental matters that could adversely impact the renewable power sector as a whole or the applicable tariffs and incentives in any of the jurisdictions in which the Company conducts and will conduct its business; that there will be no material defaults by the counterparties to agreements with the Company and such agreements will not be terminated before their scheduled expiry; proportionate share ownership of TransAlta not changing materially; TransAlta obtaining and retaining qualified personnel and equipment in a timely and costefficient manner in order to provide services to the Company in accordance with the terms of the Management and Operational Services Agreement; that TransAlta will make available to the Company acquisition or growth opportunities from time to time to facilitate the growth of the Company; that the Company will continue to have access to natural gas, wind and water resources in amounts consistent with the amounts expected by the Company and

required to fulfil the obligations of the Company under its PPAs; that general economic, political and industry conditions in the jurisdictions in which the Company conducts and will conduct its business will remain stable in relation to current conditions; that the operating and maintenance costs of the Company will be consistent in all material respects with the Company's budgeted amounts; and the continued management and support of the Company by TransAlta.

Forward-looking statements are subject to a number of significant risks, uncertainties and assumptions that could cause actual plans, performance, results or outcomes to differ materially from current expectations. Factors that may adversely impact what is expressed or implied by forward-looking statements contained in this AIF (or a document incorporated herein by reference) include, but are not limited to: the impact of COVID-19, including more restrictive directives of government and public health authorities; increased force majeure claims; disruptions to our supply chains, including our ability to secure necessary equipment and to obtain regulatory approvals on the expected timelines or at all in respect of our Northern Goldfields growth project; restricted access to capital and increased borrowing costs; reductions in production; increased costs; a higher rate of losses on our accounts receivables due to credit defaults; adverse impacts on our information technology systems and our internal control systems, including increased cyber security threats; changes in demand for electricity and capacity and our ability to contract our generation for prices that will provide expected returns and replace contracts as they expire; changes to the legislative, regulatory and political environments in the jurisdictions in which we operate; environmental requirements and changes in, or liabilities under, these requirements; operational risks involving our facilities, including unplanned outages; disruptions in the transmission and distribution of electricity; the effects of weather, including man made or natural disasters and other climate-change related risks; unexpected increases in cost structure; reductions to our generating units' relative efficiency or capacity factors; disruptions in the source of fuels, including natural gas, as well as the extent of water, solar or wind resources required to operate our facilities; general economic risks, including deterioration of equity markets, increasing interest rates or rising inflation; failure to meet financial expectations; general domestic and international economic and political developments, including armed hostilities, the threat of terrorism, cyberattacks, diplomatic developments or other similar events; equipment failure and our ability to carry out or have completed the repairs in a cost-effective or timely manner, or at all, including if the remediation at the Kent Hills 1 and 2 wind facilities is more costly or takes longer than expected; industry risk and competition; fluctuations in the value of foreign currencies; the inability to secure waivers from the holders of the KH Bonds (as defiend herein) and Trustee and the realization of the collateral at Kent Hills; counterparty credit risk; changes to our relationship with TransAlta Corporation; inadequacy or unavailability of insurance coverage; legal, regulatory and contractual disputes and proceedings involving the Company; any potential default under the power purchase agreements at Kent Hills; the Company being unable to renew certain long-term PPAs; and reliance on key personnel from TransAlta under the Management and Operational Services Agreement. The foregoing risk factors, among others, are described in further detail under the heading "Risk Factors" in this Annual Information Form and in the documents incorporated by reference in this Annual Information Form, including our Management's Discussion and Analysis for the year ended Dec. 31, 2021 (the "Annual MD&A").

Readers are encouraged to consider these factors carefully in evaluating the forward-looking statements and are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements included in this AIF are made only as of the date hereof and we do not undertake to publicly update these forward-looking statements to reflect new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by applicable laws. In light of these risks, uncertainties and assumptions, the forward-looking events might occur to a different extent or at a different time than we have described or might not occur at all. We cannot assure that projected performance, results or events will be achieved.

# **Documents Incorporated by Reference**

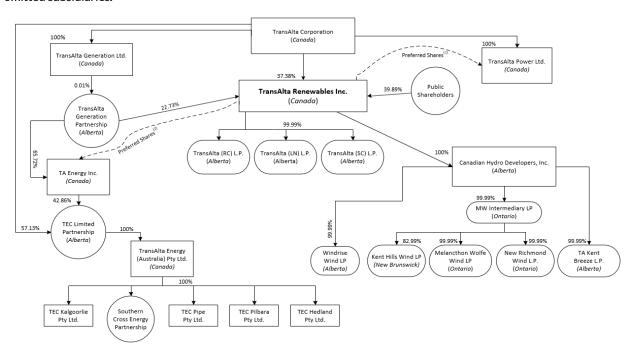
TransAlta Renewables' audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended Dec. 31, 2021, and related Annual MD&A are hereby specifically incorporated by reference in this AIF. Copies of these documents are available on the System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval ("SEDAR") under TransAlta Renewables' SEDAR profile at <a href="https://www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a>.

# **Corporate Structure**

# Name and Incorporation

TransAlta Renewables was incorporated under the *Canada Business Corporations Act* ("CBCA") on May 28, 2013, as 8532290 Canada Ltd. On June 18, 2013, the Company amended its articles, changing its name to TransAlta Renewables Inc. On Jan. 1, 2020, the Company amalgamated with its wholly owned subsidiary, Kenwind Energy Inc., under the name TransAlta Renewables Inc. The head and registered office of the Company is located at 110 – 12 Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta T2R 0G7.

As of the date of this Annual Information Form, the principal subsidiaries and principal shareholders of TransAlta Renewables and their respective jurisdictions of formation are set out below. Note that percentages do not add due to omitted subsidiaries.



#### Notes:

- (1) TransAlta Power Ltd. is a wholly owned subsidiary of TransAlta Corporation that has issued preferred shares to TransAlta Renewables Inc. to facilitate acquisitions by TransAlta Renewables. of economic interests in the Ada cogeneration, Antrim, Big Level, Lakeswind, Mass Solar, North Carolina Solar, Skookumchuck wind and Wyoming wind facilities from TransAlta Corporation. For details of these investments, please refer to "Business of TransAlta Renewables Economic Interest in US Gas Facility" and "Business of TransAlta Renewables Economic Interest in US Wind and Solar Facilities" in this AIF.
- (2) TA Energy Inc. ("TA Energy") is a wholly owned subsidiary of TransAlta Corporation. TA Energy issued preferred shares on May 7, 2015, to facilitate the acquisition by TransAlta Renewables of an economic interest based on the cash flows of TransAlta's Australian Assets. For details of the investment, please refer to "Business of TransAlta Renewables Economic Interest in Australian Assets" in this AIF.

# Overview

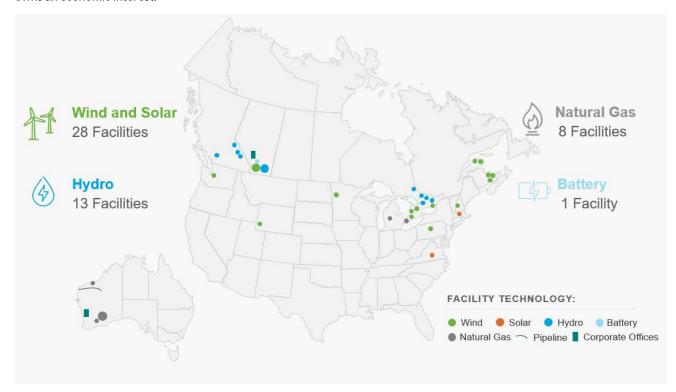
TransAlta Renewables is one of the largest generators of wind power in Canada and is among the country's largest publicly traded renewable power generation companies. Our asset platform is diversified in terms of geography, generation and counterparties. It consists of interests, including economic interests, in 26 wind facilities, 13 hydroelectric facilities, eight natural gas generation facilities, two solar facilities, one natural gas pipeline and one battery storage facility, representing approximately 2,996 MW of gross installed capacity. Our operations span three countries: Canada, the United States ("US") and Australia. In Canada, our assets are located in the provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario, Québec, and New Brunswick. In the US our assets are located in the states of Washington, Wyoming, Minnesota, Michigan, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire. This includes our economic interests in the 67 MW Skookumchuck wind facility, the 140 MW Wyoming wind facility, the 50 MW Lakeswind wind facility, the 29 MW Ada cogeneration facility, the 21 MW Mass Solar facility, the 90 MW Big Level wind facility, the 121 MW North Carolina Solar portfolio, and the 29 MW Antrim wind facility. Our Australia operations are located in the State of Western Australia and include economic interests in six operating gas generation facilities with an installed capacity of 450 MW and a 270-kilometre gas pipeline. Our wind, hydro, solar and gas facilities have an established track record of operating history and performance. The assets as at Dec. 31, 2021, have been in operation from three months to 31 years, with the weighted average years of operation by capacity being 14 years, which includes facilities in which we own an economic interest.

The Company was formed to own a portfolio of power generation facilities. Our objectives are to: (a) provide attractive returns for investors through the ownership of, and investment in, highly contracted renewable and natural gas power generation and other infrastructure assets that provide stable cash flow primarily through long-term contracts with strong counterparties; (b) pursue and capitalize on strategic growth opportunities in the renewable and natural gas power generation and other infrastructure sectors; (c) maintain diversity in terms of geography, generation and counterparties; and (d) pay 80 to 85 per cent of cash available for distribution to the shareholders of the Company on an annual basis. The Company's ability to lower its current payout ratio to within the targeted range will depend on a number of factors, including, the return to service of the Kent Hills 1 and 2 wind facilities and the execution of additional growth opportunities.

Generation output from our assets is sold pursuant to long-term power purchase agreements ("PPAs") with strong counterparties, including public power authorities, load-serving utilities, industrial customers and TransAlta. Pursuant to the PPAs with TransAlta, TransAlta is obligated to purchase, for a fixed price, all the power produced from such facilities. In addition to contracting for power, we have entered into long-term and short-term contracts to sell the environmental attributes from some of our wind and hydroelectric facilities. See the "Business of TransAlta Renewables - Power Sales, Grants and Incentives" section of this AIF.

# **TransAlta Renewables Map of Operations**

The following map shows the location of our facilities as of Dec. 31, 2021, and includes the assets in which the Company owns an economic interest.



# **General Development of the Business**

TransAlta Renewables was formed on May 28, 2013. On Aug. 9, 2013, in connection with closing the \$200 million initial public offering of common shares of the Company ("Common Shares"), we acquired an aggregate of 28 wind and hydroelectric assets from TransAlta for aggregate consideration of approximately \$1.7 billion (the "Initial Assets"). The significant events and conditions affecting our business are summarized below. Certain of these events and conditions are discussed in greater detail under the heading "Business of TransAlta Renewables."

# Three-Year History 2021

TransAlta Renewables Delivers Commercial Operation of Windrise and Closes Project Financing

On Dec. 2, 2021, the Company announced that the 206 MW Windrise wind facility achieved commercial operation on Nov. 10, 2021. The Windrise facility is located approximately 20 kilometres southwest of Fort Macleod on approximately 11,000 acres of privately-owned land. The Windrise facility is TransAlta Renewables' largest wind farm to date and has a 20-year offtake agreement with the Alberta Electric System Operator ("AESO").

On Dec. 6, 2021, the Company's indirect wholly owned subsidiary, Windrise Wind LP, secured a green bond financing by way of private placement for \$173 million. The bonds are amortizing, bear interest from their date of issue at a rate of 3.41 per cent per annum and mature on Sept. 30, 2041.

#### Acauisition of North Carolina Solar

On Nov. 5, 2021, the Company acquired a 100 per cent economic interest in the 122 MW portfolio of 20 operating solar photovoltaic facilities located in North Carolina (collectively, "North Carolina Solar"). The facilities are secured by long-term PPA with two subsidiaries of Duke Energy ("Duke Energy"), which have an average remaining term of 12 years and may be automatically extended unless terminated by either party. Under the PPAs, Duke Energy receives the renewable electricity, capacity and environmental attributes from each facility. The Company acquired the economic interest in North Carolina Solar by acquiring a US\$102 million investment in tracking preferred shares of a TransAlta subsidiary.

#### Kent Hills Wind Facilities Outage

On Sept. 27, 2021, the Company's subsidiary, Kent Hills Wind LP, experienced a single tower failure at the 167 MW Kent Hills wind facility Kent Hills, New Brunswick. The failure involved a collapsed tower located within the Kent Hills 2 facility. There were no injuries as a result of the collapse. No one was in the area when the incident occurred and there are no homes in the immediate vicinity. The Company's emergency response team has secured the area to ensure safety.

The facilities consists of 50 turbines at Kent Hills 1 and 2 wind facilities and five turbines at Kent Hills 3. Following extensive independent engineering assessments and root cause failure analysis, it was determined that all 50 turbine foundations at the Kent Hills 1 and Kent Hills 2 sites require a full foundation replacement. The root cause failure analysis indicates that deficiencies in the original design of the foundations have caused subsurface crack propagation within the foundations and that the foundations must be replaced. The Company is in the process of planning the rehabilitation of the wind sites and currently expects the foundations to be fully replaced by the end of 2023. Based on the recommendations of independent engineers, and in order to maintain the safety of the affected sites and turbines, the wind turbines will cease to operate until their associated foundations are replaced.

Foundation replacements will require expenditures of approximately \$75 million to \$100 million, in aggregate. The remediation plan is expected to be implemented in 2022. The outage is expected to result in foregone revenue of approximately \$3.4 million per month on an annualized basis so long as all 50 turbines are offline, based on average historical wind production, with revenue expected to be earned as the wind turbines are returned to service. TransAlta and New Brunswick Power Corporation continue discussions to enable the safe return to service of the facilities.

The foundation issues at the Kent Hills 1 and 2 wind facilities are unique to the design of those sites and there is no indication of any foundation issue at the Kent Hills 3 wind facility nor any other wind facility in the fleet. The Company is maintaining communication with all key stakeholders and keeping them fully apprised of the situation. The Company is actively evaluating any options that may be available to recover these costs from third parties and insurance.

As a result of the determination that all 50 foundations require replacement, as well as certain resulting amendments to applicable insurance policies, the Company's operating subsidiary, Kent Hills Wind LP, has provided notice to BNY Trust Company of Canada, as trustee (the "Trustee") for the approximately \$221 million outstanding non-recourse project bonds ("KH Bonds") secured by, among other things, the Kent Hills wind facilities, that events of default may have occurred under the trust indenture governing the terms of the KH Bonds. Upon the occurrence of any events of default, holders of more than 50 per cent of the outstanding principal amount of the KH Bonds have the right to direct the Trustee to declare the principal and interest on the KH Bonds and all other amounts due thereunder, together with any make-whole amount, to be immediately due and payable and to direct the Trustee to exercise rights against certain collateral. The Company is in discussions with the Trustee and holders of the KH Bonds to negotiate waivers and amendments while the Company works to remedy the matters described in the notice. Although the Company expects that it will reach agreement with the Trustee and holders of the KH Bonds with respect to terms of an acceptable waiver and amendment, there can be no assurance that the Company will receive such waivers and amendments.

# Northern Goldfields Solar Project

On July 29, 2021, the Company announced that Southern Cross Energy ("SCE"), a subsidiary of TransAlta Energy (Australia) Ltd Pty ("TEA"), had reached an agreement to provide BHP Billiton Nickel West Pty Ltd. ("BHP") with renewable electricity to its Goldfields-based operations through the construction of the Northern Goldfields Solar Project. The project will consist of the 27 MW Mount Keith Solar Farm, 11 MW Leinster Solar Farm, 10 MW/5MWh Leinster battery energy storage system and interconnecting transmission infrastructure, all of which will be integrated into the existing 169 MW SCE North remote network in Western Australia. Construction activities started in the first quarter of 2022 with completion of the projects expected in the second half of 2022. The total construction capital of the project is estimated at approximately AU\$69 million to AU\$73 million.

# Sarnia Cogeneration Facility Contract Extension

On May 12, 2021, the Company executed an Amended and Restated Energy Supply Agreement with one of its large industrial customers at the Sarnia cogeneration facility that provides for the supply of electricity and steam. This agreement will extend the term of the original agreement from Dec. 31, 2022, to Dec. 31, 2032. The agreement provides that if the Company is unable to enter into a new contract with the Ontario Independent Electricity System Operator ("IESO") or enter into agreements with its other industrial customers at the Sarnia cogeneration facility that extend past Dec. 31, 2025, then the Company has the option to provide notice of termination in 2022 that would terminate the Amended and Restated Energy Supply Agreement four years following such notice. The Company is in active discussions with the three other existing industrial customers regarding extensions to their supply of electricity and steam from the Sarnia cogeneration facility on comparable terms. The current contract with the IESO in respect of the Sarnia cogeneration facility expires on Dec. 31, 2025. On July 19, 2021, the IESO released its Annual Acquisition Report which included draft details for mid- and long-term procurement mechanisms for capacity for 2026 and beyond for existing and new generation. The medium term procurement process is scheduled to commence in 2022. The Company plans to bid into the process, seeking to secure a contract extension for the Sarnia cogeneration facility following the end of the current contract.

# Favourable Resolution of Disputes

The Company had been engaged in a dispute with Fortescue Metals Group ("FMG") as a result of FMG's purported termination of the South Hedland PPA. On May 2, 2021, the Company entered into a conditional settlement with FMG. The settlement was concluded and the actions were formally dismissed in the Supreme Court of Western Australia on Dec. 7, 2021. The settlement amount has been recorded as revenue in the fourth quarter of 2021, while all other balances previously provided for have been reversed. The settlement has resulted in FMG continuing as a customer of the South Hedland facility.

# Acquisition of Economic Interests in the Skookumchuck Wind Facility and the Ada Cogeneration Facility

On April 1, 2021, the Company completed the acquisition, through a subsidiary of TransAlta, of a 100 per cent economic interest in the 29 MW Ada cogeneration facility and a 49 per cent economic interest in the 137 MW Skookumchuck wind facility. Both facilities are fully operational. The Ada cogeneration facility is under a PPA until 2026. The Skookumchuck wind facility is contracted under a PPA until 2040 with an investment grade counterparty. The Company acquired the economic interest in the Ada cogeneration facility and the Skookumchuck wind facility by acquiring a \$43 million and a \$103 million investment, respectively, in tracking preferred shares of a TransAlta subsidiary.

# Acquisition of Windrise Wind Facility

On Feb. 26, 2021, the Company completed the acquisition, through a subsidiary of TransAlta, of a 100 per cent direct interest in the 206 MW Windrise wind facility located in Alberta for \$213 million and assumed the balance of the remaining construction costs. The Windrise wind facility is contracted under a 20-year offtake agreement with the AFSO

#### Management and Board of Directors Changes

On Feb. 4, 2021, TransAlta announced that John Kousinioris would succeed Dawn Farrell as President and Chief Executive Officer of TransAlta and will join the Board of Directors of TransAlta (the "Board") on April 1, 2021. As part of the transition, Mr. Kousinioris stepped down as President and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Company effective Feb. 5, 2021. Todd Stack assumed the role of President and joined the Board of the Company effective Feb. 6, 2021. Mr. Stack continues his role as TransAlta's Executive Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer.

On May 18, 2021, the Company announced the election of three new directors: Ms. Georganne Hodges, Ms. Kerry O'Reilly Wilks and Ms. Susan M. Ward, who each bring diverse expertise and new perspectives to the Board. Ms. Kathryn B. McQuade did not stand for re-election and retired from the Board immediately following the annual shareholder meeting on May 18, 2021.

#### 2020

# BHP 15-year Contract Extension

On Oct. 22, 2020, SCE replaced and extended its PPA with BHP. SCE is composed of four generation facilities with a combined capacity of 245 MW in the Goldfields region of Western Australia.

The new agreement became effective Dec. 1, 2020, and replaced the previous contract that was scheduled to expire on Dec. 31, 2023. The amendment to the PPA extends the term to Dec. 31, 2038, and provides SCE with the exclusive right to supply thermal and electrical energy from the SCE facilities for BHP's mining operations located in the Goldfields region of Western Australia. The extension provides SCE a return of and on new capital investments, which will be required to support BHP's future power requirements and emission reduction targets. The amendments to the PPA also provide BHP participation rights in integrating renewable electricity generation, subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions. Evaluation of renewable energy supply and carbon emissions reduction initiatives under the extended PPA with BHP are underway, including wind generation and lower emission firming generation to support BHP's future power requirements.

# TEC Hedland Pty Ltd. Secures AU\$800 Million Financing

On Oct. 22, 2020, TEC Hedland Pty Ltd. ("TEC"), a subsidiary of TEA, closed an offering of AU\$800 million senior secured notes ("TEC Notes"), by way of a private placement, which is secured by, among other things, a first ranking charge over all assets of TEC. The TEC Notes bear interest at 4.07 per cent per annum, payable quarterly and maturing on June 30, 2042, with principal payments starting on March 31, 2022. The TEC Notes have a rating of BBB by Kroll Bond Rating Agency.

TransAlta Renewables received \$480 million (AU\$515 million) of the proceeds directly through the redemption of the Preferred Shares Tracking the Amortizing Term Loan and the redemption of preferred shares of TEA. An additional AU\$200 million was loaned to TransAlta Renewables by TEA. The loan bears interest at 4.32 per cent and will be repaid by Oct. 26, 2022. On October 27, 2021, the Company repaid TransAlta Energy (Australia) AU\$17 million of the AU\$200 million principal upon demand. The remaining proceeds from the offering of the TEC Notes were set aside for required reserves and transaction costs.

TransAlta Renewables used a portion of the proceeds from the redemption and the intercompany loan to repay existing indebtedness on its credit facility. The remaining funds have been used to fund growth opportunities within TransAlta Renewables, including the acquisition of the Windrise wind project and the economic interests in the Ada cogeneration facility and the Skookumchuck wind facility.

### Suspension of Dividend Reinvestment Plan

On May 31, 2018, the Board approved the implementation of a dividend reinvestment plan ("DRIP") for Canadian holders of Common Shares. The Company suspended the DRIP in respect of any future declared dividends and the dividend payable on Oct. 30, 2020, to shareholders of record on Oct. 15, 2020, was the last dividend payment eligible for reinvestment by participating shareholders under the DRIP before the suspension.

# TransAlta Renewables Acquires Battery Storage Project from TransAlta

On Aug. 1, 2020, the Company acquired the 10 MW/20 MWh WindCharger battery storage project that is connected to the Alberta transmission system through the Summerview wind facility substation for \$12 million. TransAlta Renewables funded the remaining construction cost and the project began commercial operation on Oct. 15, 2020. TransAlta partnered with Emissions Reduction Alberta in order to receive co-funding for almost 50 per cent of the \$14 million construction cost. The Company also executed a 20-year battery storage usage contract with TransAlta, in which the Company receives a fixed monthly capacity charge from TransAlta for TransAlta's exclusive right to operate and dispatch the battery in the Alberta market.

# TransAlta Renewables Delivers on Two Contracted US Wind Projects

On Jan. 7, 2020, we announced that the 90 MW Big Level wind project located in Pennsylvania, and the 29 MW Antrim wind project located in New Hampshire, began commercial operations on Dec. 19, 2019, and Dec. 24, 2019, respectively. TransAlta Renewables has an economic interest in these two US wind facilities. The 90 MW Big Level facility located in Pennsylvania is under a 15-year contract with Microsoft and the 29 MW Antrim facility located in New Hampshire is under two 20-year contracts with Partners HealthCare and New Hampshire Electric Co-op. Each counterparty has a Standard & Poor's credit rating of A+ or better.

In December 2019, coincident with the Antrim and Big Level facilities each achieving commercial operation, approximately \$166 million (US\$126 million) of tax equity proceeds were raised by TransAlta project entities to partially fund the construction of the Antrim and Big Level projects for proceeds of US\$41 million and US\$85 million, respectively.

#### 2019

# Management and Board of Directors Changes

On May 16, 2019, Brent Ward was appointed to the role of Chief Financial Officer of TransAlta Renewables. Mr. Ward also serves as Senior Vice President M&A, Strategy, and Treasurer of TransAlta.

On Aug. 1, 2019, Mr. David Drinkwater was appointed Chair of the Board of Directors. Mr. Allen Hagerman's term as Chair expired pursuant to the Chair Terms of Reference. Mr. Hagerman continues to serve as an independent director on the Board of Directors.

# **Business of TransAlta Renewables**

Our Canadian Wind, Canadian Hydro and Canadian Gas business segments are responsible for operating and maintaining our electrical generation facilities. All the segments are supported by a corporate segment. The Company has entered into the Management and Operational Services Agreement with TransAlta under which TransAlta provides all management, administrative and operational services to the Company in exchange for a management fee. See the "Material Contracts" section of this AIF. As we have an economic interest, and not direct ownership, of the Australian Assets, the Skookumchuck wind facility, the Wyoming wind facility, the Lakeswind wind facility, the Ada cogeneration facility, the Big Level wind facility, the Mass Solar facility, the Antrim wind facility, and the North Carolina Solar facility, the operational results of these assets are consolidated on an economic interest basis and are not reflected in revenue generation. Instead, we receive finance income on the underlying investments, which is included in our consolidated net earnings.

The following table identifies each revenue-generating business segment's contribution to IFRS revenues (which excludes the assets in which we hold an economic interest):

	2021 Revenues	2020 Revenues
Canadian Wind	48%	56%
Canadian Hydro	6%	7%
Canadian Gas	46%	37%

The Company also generates finance income from the assets in which we hold an economic interest, although not reflected in the table above. For further information on our business segment earnings and assets, please refer to our Annual MD&A and Note 26 of our audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended Dec. 31, 2021, which are incorporated by reference herein. See the "Documents Incorporated by Reference" section in this AIF.

Our generation facilities consist of 21 wind facilities, 13 hydroelectric facilities, one battery energy storage facility, and one natural gas facility located in the provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario, Québec and New Brunswick. We also hold economic interests in wind facilities in the states of Washington, Wyoming, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, and New Hampshire, two solar facilities in the states of North Carolina and Massachusetts, and gas facilities in Western Australia and Michigan. The following information summarizes our wind, hydroelectric, natural gas, solar, infrastructure and battery energy storage facilities.

# **Canadian Wind Facilities**

We own approximately 1,359 MW of net wind generation capacity in 21 wind facilities and a battery storage facility, with 12 wind facilities in Alberta, four in Ontario, three in New Brunswick and two in Québec. All of the wind projects are managed by TransAlta pursuant to the Management and Operational Services Agreement and are situated on lands owned by unrelated parties and subject to long-term leases. The Company also has one battery storage facility located in Alberta. See the "Employee and Governance Matters - Management and Operational Services Agreement" section of this AIF. All of the facilities, with the exception of the 3.6 MW Oldman wind facility, have also entered into long-term service agreements with TransAlta or independent third parties, which expire at different times. Upon expiry, we expect that these existing service agreements will be renewed or alternate agreements will be entered into with either TransAlta or other independent third parties, provided that reasonable commercial terms can be obtained.

As well as contracting for power, we enter into long-term and short-term contracts to sell the environmental attributes from our wind facilities. Other than the TransAlta PPAs, our facilities under long-term contract generally include delivery commitments for both the delivery of power and their environmental attributes. See the "Business of TransAlta Renewables - Power Sales, Grants and Incentives" section of this AIF.

All the electricity generated and sold by our Alberta and Québec wind sites, excluding the Windrise facility (as the environmental attributes are provided to the customer), are from facilities that are EcoLogo certified. We are an EcoLogo certified distributor of alternative source electricity through Environment Canada's Environmental Choice program. EcoLogo certification is granted to products with environmental performance that meet or exceed all government, industrial safety and performance standards.

# The following table summarizes our wind generation facilities as at Dec. 31, 2021:

Facility Name <sup>(1)</sup>	Province/ State	Nameplate Capacity (MW) <sup>(1)(3)</sup>	Consolidated Interest	Gross Installed Capacity (MW) <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	Ownership	Net Capacity Ownership Interest (MW) <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	Commercial Operation Date	Counterparty	Contract Expiry Date
Alberta Wind Facilities									
Ardenville	AB	69	100%	69	100%	69	2010	TransAlta	2033
Blue Trail and Macleod Flats	AB	69	100%	69	100%	69	2009 and 2005	TransAlta	2033
Castle River	AB	44	100%	44	100%	44	1997 and 2001	TransAlta	2030
Cowley North	AB	20	100%	20	100%	20	2001	TransAlta	2031
McBride Lake	AB	75	50%	38	50%	38	2004	ENMAX	2024
Oldman	AB	4	100%	4	100%	4	2007	Merchant	-
Sinnott	AB	7	100%	7	100%	7	2001	TransAlta	2031
Soderglen	AB	71	50%	36	100%	35	2006	TransAlta	2033
Summerview 1	AB	68	100%	68	100%	68	2004	TransAlta	2033
Summerview 2	AB	66	100%	66	100%	66	2010	TransAlta	2033
Windrise	AB	206	100%	206	100%	206	2021	AESO	2041
Alberta Energy Storage									
WindCharger	AB	10	100%	10	100%	10	2020	TransAlta	2040
Eastern Canada Wind Facilities									
Kent Breeze	ON	20	100%	20	100%	20	2011	IESO	2031
Kent Hills 1	NB	96	100%	96	83%	80	2008	NB Power	2035
Kent Hills 2	NB	54	100%	54	83%	45	2010	NB Power	2035
Kent Hills 3	NB	17	100%	17	83%	14	2018	NB Power	2035
Le Nordais	QC	98	100%	98	100%	98	1999	Hydro-Québec	2033
Melancthon 1	ON	68	100%	68	100%	68	2006	IESO	2026
Melancthon 2	ON	132	100%	132	100%	132	2008	IESO	2028
New Richmond	QC	68	100%	68	100%	68	2013	Hydro-Québec	2033
Wolfe Island	ON	198	100%	198	100%	198	2009	IESO	2029
Total Canadian Wind Capacity	d Net	1,460		1,387		1,359			

# Notes:

<sup>(1)</sup> Does not include wind assets in which we hold economic interests. See the "Business of TransAlta Renewables – Economic Interest in US Wind and Solar Facilities" section of this AIF.

<sup>(2)</sup> The gross installed capacity reflects the basis of consolidation of underlying assets owned, plus those in which we hold an economic interest. Net capacity ownership interest deducts capacity attributable to non-controlling interest in these assets.

(3) MW are rounded to the nearest whole number; column does not add due to rounding.

(4) Consists of two separate facilities.

# **Alberta Wind & Energy Storage Facilities**

# Ardenville

The 69 MW Ardenville wind facility is a wholly owned facility that consists of 23 3.0 MW Vestas V90 wind turbines on 80-metre towers, and is located approximately 14 kilometres south of Fort Macleod, Alberta, adjacent to the Company's Macleod Flats wind facility. This facility began commercial operations in November 2010. Generation from this facility is subject to the terms of a PPA with TransAlta (a "TransAlta PPA") that terminates in 2033. In 2018, the Ardenville wind facility was granted an extension to create carbon offset credits under the Alberta Technology Innovation and Emissions Reduction ("TIER") Regulation until October 2023 and was entitled to receive ecoENERGY payments until November 2020.

#### Blue Trail and Macleod Flats

The 66 MW Blue Trail wind facility is a wholly owned facility that consists of 22 3.0 MW Vestas V90 wind turbines on 80-metre towers, and is located in southern Alberta, near Fort Macleod. This facility began commercial operations in November 2009. Generation from this facility is subject to the terms of a TransAlta PPA that terminates in 2033. The Blue Trail wind facility creates carbon offset credits under the TIER system until September 2022 and was entitled to receive ecoENERGY payments until November 2019.

The 3 MW Macleod Flats wind facility is a wholly owned facility consisting of a single 3.0 MW Vestas V90 wind turbine on a 67-metre tower, and is located south of Fort Macleod, Alberta. This facility began commercial operations in January 2005. This facility generates renewable credits. Generation from this facility is subject to the terms of a TransAlta PPA that terminates in 2033.

# Castle River

The 44 MW Castle River wind facility is a wholly owned facility that consists of 66 Vestas wind turbines (three Vestas V44 600 kW wind turbines and 63 Vestas V47 660 kW wind turbines) on 50-metre towers, and is located southwest of Pincher Creek, Alberta. This facility also includes an additional six turbines, totalling 4 MW, that are located individually in the Cardston County and Hill Spring areas of southwestern Alberta. This facility began commercial operations in stages from November 1997 through to July 2001. This facility generates Emission Performance Credits ("EPCs") under the TIER system. Generation from this facility is subject to the terms of a TransAlta PPA that terminates in 2030.

# Cowley North

The 20 MW Cowley North wind facility is a wholly owned facility that consists of of 15 1.3 MW Nordex N60 wind turbines on 50-metre towers, and is located near the towns of Cowley and Pincher Creek, in southern Alberta. This facility began commercial operations in the fall of 2001. The Cowley North wind facility creates EPCs under the TIER system. Generation from this facility is subject to the terms of a TransAlta PPA that terminates in 2031.

# McBride Lake

The 75 MW McBride Lake wind facility, which is equally owned with ENMAX Generation Portfolio Inc., consists of 114 Vestas V47 (660 kW) wind turbines on 50-metre towers, and is located south of Fort Macleod, Alberta. This facility began commercial operations in April 2004. Generation from this facility is sold under a 20-year PPA with ENMAX Energy Corp. that terminates in 2024. This facility creates EPCs under the TIER system.

# Oldman

The Oldman wind facility is a wholly owned facility that consists of two Vestas V80 turbines with an installed capacity of 3.6 MW that have been in operation since March 2007. Interconnection of the project is through the Fortis Alberta distribution grid. In 2021, TransAlta Renewables acquired 100% of the facility from a subsidiary of Boralex. The Oldman facility sells energy into the Alberta merchant market and generates EPCs under the TIER system.

#### Sinnott

The 7 MW Sinnott wind facility is a wholly owned facility that consists of five 1.3 MW Nordex N60 wind turbines on 65-metre towers, and is located directly east of the Cowley North wind facility and north of Pincher Creek, Alberta. This facility began commercial operations in the fall of 2001. The Sinnott wind facility creates EPCs under the TIER system. Generation from this facility is subject to the terms of a TransAlta PPA that terminates in 2031.

#### Soderglen

The 71 MW Soderglen wind facility, which is equally owned with CNOOC Petroleum North America ULC, consists of 47 1.5 MW GE SLE wind turbines on 65-metre towers, and is located southwest of Fort Macleod. This facility began commercial operations in September 2006. The Soderglen wind facility creates EPCs under the TIER system. Generation from this facility is subject to the terms of a TransAlta PPA that terminates in 2033 (which excludes the portion of generation that is owned by CNOOC Petroleum North America ULC).

#### Summerview 1

The 68 MW Summerview 1 wind facility is a wholly owned facility that consists of 38 1.8 MW Vestas V80 wind turbines on 67-metre towers, and is located approximately 15 kilometres northeast of Pincher Creek. This facility began commercial operations in September 2004. The Summerview 1 facility creates EPCs under the TIER system. Generation from this facility is subject to the terms of a TransAlta PPA that terminates in 2033.

### Summerview 2

The 66 MW Summerview 2 wind facility is a wholly owned facility that consists of 22 3.0 MW Vestas V90 wind turbines on 80-metre towers, and is also located northeast of Pincher Creek. This facility began commercial operations in February 2010. Generation from this facility is subject to the terms of a TransAlta PPA that terminates in 2033. The Summerview 2 wind facility creates carbon offset credits under the TIER system until November 2022, at which time the facility will become an opt-in facility under TIER.

#### Windrise

The 206 MW Windrise wind facility is a wholly owned facility that was acquired by the Company on Feb. 26, 2021. It is situated on 11,000 acres of land located in the Municipal District of Willow Creek. The Windrise wind project consists of 43 Siemens Gamesa 4.8-145 turbines. The Windrise wind project is subject to the AESO Renewable Electricity Program (REP) Round 3 process. Windrise was the first project to reach commercial operation out of the eight projects awarded through the second and third rounds of the REP process. The 206 MW Windrise wind project will contribute to the Government of Alberta's target of 30 per cent renewable electricity by 2030. Commercial operation of the Windrise wind facility was achieved on Nov. 10, 2021. The Windrise facility is the Company's largest wind farm to date and has a 20-year offtake agreement with the AESO.

### WindCharger

The WindCharger battery storage facility is a wholly owned facility that is Alberta's first utility-scale battery storage facility. The WindCharger battery storage facility consists of a lithium-ion battery using Tesla Megapack technology. The facility has a nameplate capacity of 10 MW and a total storage capacity of 20 MWh. WindCharger is located in southern Alberta in the Municipal District of Pincher Creek next to the existing Summerview wind facility substation. The energy storage project achieved commercial operations on Oct. 15, 2020. The facility stores energy produced by the nearby Summerview 2 wind facility and discharges it into the Alberta electricity grid at times of high peak demand. The project received co-funding support from Emissions Reduction Alberta. TransAlta Renewables acquired WindCharger on Aug. 1, 2020. The Company executed a 20-year battery storage usage contract with TransAlta in which TransAlta pays a fixed monthly capacity charge to the Company for the exclusive right to operate and dispatch the battery in the Alberta merchant market.

## **Eastern Canada Wind Facilities**

# Kent Breeze

The Kent Breeze wind facility is a 20 MW wholly owned wind facility that consists of eight 2.5 MW GE wind turbines on 85-metre towers, and is located in Thamesville, Ontario. This facility began commercial operations in 2011. Generation from this facility is sold to the IESO. Kent Breeze was entitled to receive Emerging Renewable Power Program payments until December 2021.

# Kent Hills 1

The 96 MW Kent Hills 1 wind facility, in which the Company has an 83 per cent interest, consists of 32 3.0 MW Vestas V90 wind turbines on 80-metre towers, and is located near Moncton, New Brunswick. This facility began commercial operations in December 2008. Natural Forces Technologies Inc., a wind developer based in Atlantic Canada, codeveloped this project with TransAlta and exercised its option to purchase 17 per cent of the Kent Hills 1 facility in May 2009. Generation from this facility is sold under a 25-year PPA with New Brunswick Power that terminates in 2033. On June 1, 2017, we extended the term of the PPA by two years to 2035.

On Sept. 27, 2021, a single tower failure occurred at Kent Hills 2 resulting in extensive engineering and assessment of the Kent Hills 1 and 2 sites to determine the cause of the failure. Following extensive independent engineering assessments and root cause failure analysis, it was determined that all 32 turbine foundations at the Kent Hills 1 site require a full foundation replacement. The root cause failure analysis indicates that deficiencies in the original design of the foundations have caused subsurface crack propagation within the foundations and that the foundations must be replaced. The Company is in the process of planning the rehabilitation of the wind sites and currently expects the foundations to be fully replaced by the end of 2023. Based on the recommendations of independent engineers, and in order to maintain the safety of the affected sites and turbines, the wind turbines will cease to operate until their associated foundations are replaced. See the "General Development of the Business - Three-Year History" section of this AIF.

#### Kent Hills 2

The 54 MW Kent Hills 2 wind facility, in which the Company has an 83 per cent interest, consists of 18 3.0 MW Vestas V90 wind turbines on 80-metre towers. Natural Forces Technologies Inc. owns the remaining 17 per cent interest. The facility began commercial operations in November 2010. Generation from this facility is sold under a 25-year PPA with New Brunswick Power that terminates in 2035. Kent Hills 2 received ecoENERGY payments until November 2020.

It was determined, following extensive independent engineering assessments and root cause failure analysis of the Kent Hills 1 and 2 facilities that all 18 turbine foundations at the Kent Hills 2 site require a full foundation replacement. Based on the recommendations of independent engineers, and in order to maintain the safety of the affected sites and turbines, the Kent Hills 2 wind turbines will cease to operate until their associated foundations are replaced. See the "General Development of the Business - Three-Year History" section of this AIF.

#### Kent Hills 3

The Kent Hills 3 facility, in which the Company has an 83 per cent interest, achieved commercial operation in October 2018, and added five 3.45 MW Vestas V126 turbines to the Kent Hills fleet for an additional 17.25 MW at the site. The Kent Hills 3 PPA terminates in 2035. The foundation issues at the Kent Hills 1 and Kent Hills 2 facilities are unique to the design of those facilities and there is no indication of any foundation issue at the Kent Hills 3 facility.

#### Le Nordais

The 98 MW Le Nordais wind facility is wholly owned single facility that is located at two sites: Cap-Chat with 55.5 MW of installed capacity consisting of 74 750 kW NEG-Micon wind turbines on 55-metre towers, and Matane with 42 MW of installed capacity consisting of 56 750 kW NEG-Micon wind turbines on 55-metre towers. Le Nordais is located on the Gaspé Peninsula of Québec. It began commercial operations in 1999. Generation from this facility is sold to Hydro-Québec and is also capable of generating Renewable Energy Credits ("RECs"). On Jan. 6, 2016, the Company acquired an economic interest based in part on the distributable profits of the Le Nordais wind facility and, subsequently, on Nov. 30, 2016, the Company acquired direct ownership of Le Nordais.

#### Melancthon 1

The 68 MW Melancthon 1 wind facility is a wholly owned facility that consists of 45 1.5 MW GE wind turbines on 80-metre towers, and is located in Melancthon Township near Shelburne, Ontario. This facility began commercial operations in March 2006. Generation from this facility is sold to the IESO pursuant to a PPA that terminates in 2026.

# Melancthon 2

The 132 MW Melancthon 2 wind facility is a wholly owned facility that consists of 88 1.5 MW GE wind turbines on 80-metre towers, and is located adjacent to Melancthon 1, in Melancthon and Amaranth townships, Ontario. This facility began commercial operations in November 2008. Generation from this facility is sold to the IESO pursuant to a PPA that terminates in 2028.

## **New Richmond**

The 68 MW New Richmond wind facility is a wholly owned facility that consists of 27 2.0 MW and six 2.3 MW Enercon E82 wind turbines on 100-metre towers, and is located in New Richmond, Québec. This facility began commercial operations in March 2013. Generation from this facility is sold under a 20-year electricity supply agreement with Hydro-Québec that terminates in 2033.

#### Wolfe Island

The 198 MW Wolfe Island wind facility is a wholly owned facility that consists of 86 2.3 MW Siemens SWT 93 wind turbines on 80-metre towers, and is located on Wolfe Island, near Kingston, Ontario. This facility began commercial operations in June 2009. Generation from this facility is sold to the IESO pursuant to a PPA that terminates in 2029.

# **Canadian Hydro Facilities**

We own approximately 112 MW of net hydroelectric generation capacity across 10 different river systems in the provinces of British Columbia, Alberta and Ontario. All of the hydroelectric facilities are run-of-river, and the electricity generated and sold by these assets is from facilities that are EcoLogo certified. All of the hydroelectric facilities are operated by TransAlta under the terms of the Management and Operational Services Agreement. The facilities are situated on lands subject to long-term leases.

The following table summarizes our hydroelectric facilities as at Dec. 31, 2021:

Facility Name	Province	Nameplate Capacity (MW) <sup>(1)(3)</sup>	Consolidated Interest	Gross Installed Capacity (MW) <sup>(1)(3)</sup>	Ownership	Net Capacity Ownership Interest (MW) <sup>(1)(3)</sup>	Commercial Operation Date	Counterparty	Contract Expiry Date
BC Hydro Facilities									
Akolkolex	ВС	10	100%	10	100%	10	1995	BC Hydro	2046
Bone Creek	ВС	19	100%	19	100%	19	2011	BC Hydro	2031
Pingston	ВС	45	50%	23	100%	23	2003, 2004	BC Hydro	2023
Upper Mamquam	ВС	25	100%	25	100%	25	2005	BC Hydro	2025
Alberta Hydro Facilities	i								
Belly River	AB	3	100%	3	100%	3	1991	TransAlta	2033
St. Mary	AB	2	100%	2	100%	2	1992	TransAlta	2033
Taylor Hydro	AB	13	100%	13	100%	13	2000	TransAlta	2033
Waterton	AB	3	100%	3	100%	3	1992	TransAlta	2033
Ontario Hydro Facilities	5								
Appleton	ON	1	100%	1	100%	1	1994	IESO	2030
Galetta <sup>(2)</sup>	ON	2	100%	2	100%	2	1998	IESO	2030
Misema	ON	3	100%	3	100%	3	2003	IESO	2027
Moose Rapids	ON	1	100%	1	100%	1	1997	IESO	2030
Ragged Chute	ON	7	100%	7	100%	7	1991	IESO	2029
Total Hydroelectric Ne	t Capacity	134		112		112			

#### Notes:

- ${\rm (1)}\, MW\ are\ rounded\ to\ the\ nearest\ whole\ number.}$
- $(2) \ Galetta\ was\ originally\ built\ in\ 1907, but\ was\ retrofitted\ in\ 1998.$
- (3) The gross installed capacity reflects the basis of consolidation of underlying assets owned, plus those in which we hold an economic interest. Net capacity ownership interest deducts capacity attributable to non-controlling interest in these assets.

# **BC Hydro Facilities**

# Akolkolex

The Akolkolex hydroelectric facility has an installed capacity of 10 MW located on the Akolkolex River south of Revelstoke, British Columbia. This wholly owned facility uses two horizontal Chongqing Francis turbines on a common shaft with a single Chongqing generator. This facility began commercial operations in April 1995. In 2016, TransAlta entered into a new 30-year agreement to sell the generation from this facility to the British Columbia Hydro Power Authority ("BC Hydro").

# Bone Creek

The Bone Creek hydroelectric facility has an installed capacity of 19 MW located on Bone Creek, 90 kilometres south of the town of Valemount, British Columbia. The wholly owned facility uses two 9.5 MW horizontal turbine generator units, with twin Francis double draft tube Litostroj turbines and direct-drive INDAR horizontal generators. This facility began commercial operations in June 2011. Generation from the facility is sold to BC Hydro under a PPA that terminates in 2031.

### Pingston

The Pingston hydroelectric facility has an installed capacity of 45 MW located on Pingston Creek southwest of Revelstoke, British Columbia, near the Company's Akolkolex facility. Pingston is equally owned with Evolugen Trading and Marketing LP., a subsidiary of Brookfield. The facility uses three 15 MW horizontal Pelton turbines and Leroy-Somer generators. This facility began commercial operations in May 2003. Generation from the facility is sold to BC Hydro under a PPA that terminates in 2023.

#### **Upper Mamquam**

The Upper Mamquam hydroelectric facility has an installed capacity of 25 MW located on the Mamquam River east of Squamish, British Columbia, and north of Vancouver. The wholly owned facility uses two horizontal axis double Litostroj Francis turbines and Voith generators. This facility began commercial operations in July 2005. Generation from the facility is sold to BC Hydro under a PPA that terminates in 2025.

# **Alberta Hydro Facilities**

# **Belly River**

The Belly River hydroelectric facility has an installed capacity of 3 MW located on the Waterton-St. Mary Headworks Irrigation Canal System east of the Waterton Reservoir, approximately 75 kilometres southwest of Lethbridge, Alberta. Due to its location along the irrigation canal, Belly River operates from April to October when water is diverted through the canal as part of the St. Mary Irrigation District Water Management Plan. This wholly owned facility uses a double Alstom Francis turbine and an Alstom generator and began commercial operations in March 1991. Generation from this facility is subject to the terms of a TransAlta PPA that terminates in 2033. The facility is capable of generating renewable energy credits.

#### St. Mary

The St. Mary hydroelectric facility has an installed capacity of 2 MW located at the base of the St. Mary Dam on the St. Mary Reservoir near Magrath in Southern Alberta. This wholly owned facility uses a horizontal double Alstom Francis turbine and a Kato generator and began commercial operations in December 1992. Generation from this facility is subject to the terms of a TransAlta PPA that terminates in 2033. It is also capable of generating renewable energy credits.

#### Taylor Hydro

The Taylor hydroelectric facility has an installed capacity of 13 MW and is located adjacent to the Taylor Coulee Chute on the Waterton-St. Mary Headworks Irrigation Canal System, which is owned by the Government of Alberta. The wholly owned facility uses a horizontal Andritz Kaplan turbine and a GE generator. This facility began commercial operations in May 2000. Generation from this facility is subject to the terms of a TransAlta PPA that terminates in 2033. The rights to the emission performance credits are owned by a third party.

# Waterton

The Waterton hydroelectric facility has an installed capacity of 3 MW located at the base of the Waterton Dam on the Waterton Reservoir near Hill Spring, southwest of Lethbridge, Alberta. This wholly owned facility uses a horizontal double Alstom Francis turbine and a Kato generator and began commercial operations in November 1992. Generation from this facility is subject to the terms of a TransAlta PPA that terminates in 2033. It is capable of generating renewable energy credits.

# **Ontario Hydro Facilities**

# Appleton

The Appleton hydroelectric facility has an installed capacity of 1 MW located on the Mississippi River near Almonte, Ontario. This wholly owned facility uses two Canadian Hydro components, fixed-blade propeller turbines and one adjustable-speed Andritz Kaplan turbine with three Siemens generators. This facility began commercial operations in March 1994. Generation from this facility is sold to the IESO pursuant to a PPA that terminates in 2030.

# Galetta

The Galetta hydroelectric facility has an installed capacity of 2 MW located on the Mississippi River near Galetta, Ontario. This wholly owned facility uses two fixed-blade propeller turbines and two horizontal quad-Francis camel-back Canadian Hydro components turbines with four Siemens generators. This facility was originally built in 1907 and retrofitted in 1998. Generation from this facility is sold to the IESO pursuant to a PPA that terminates in 2030.

#### Misema

The Misema hydroelectric facility has an installed capacity of 3 MW located on the Misema River close to Englehart in northern Ontario. This wholly owned facility uses one horizontal axis double Litostroj Francis turbine with a Leroy-Somer generator. This facility began commercial operations in April 2003. Generation from this facility is sold to the IESO pursuant to a PPA that terminates in 2027.

#### Moose Rapids

The Moose Rapids hydroelectric facility has an installed capacity of 1 MW located on the Wanapitei River, near Sudbury in northern Ontario. This wholly owned facility uses two Canadian Hydro components slant-axis fixed-blade propeller mini-turbines and one slant-axis adjustable-speed Andritz Kaplan mini turbine with three Siemens generators. This facility began commercial operations in November 1997. Generation from this facility is sold to the IESO pursuant to a PPA that terminates in 2030.

# Ragged Chute

The Ragged Chute hydroelectric facility has an installed capacity of 7 MW located on the Montréal River south of Temiskaming Shores in northern Ontario. The Company leases this facility from Ontario Power Generation Inc. and it has been operating since 1991. The wholly owned facility uses a single 6.6 MW horizontal Kaplan unit and a GE generator. Generation from this facility is sold to the IESO under the Hydroelectric Contract Initiative that expires June 30, 2029.

# **Canadian Gas Facility**

The following table summarizes our Canadian Gas facility at Dec. 31, 2021:

Facility Name	Province / State	Nameplate Capacity (MW) <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	Consolidated Interest	Gross Installed Capacity (MW) <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	Ownership	Net Capacity Ownership Interest (MW) <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	Commercial Operation Date	Counterparty	Contract Expiry Date
Sarnia	ON	499	100%	499	100%	499	2003	Long Term Contracts	2025-2032
Total Car Net Capa	nadian Gas acity	499		499		499			

#### Notes:

- (1) MW are rounded to the nearest whole number.
- (2) The gross installed capacity reflects the basis of consolidation of underlying assets owned, plus those in which we hold an economic interest. Net capacity ownership deducts capacity attributable to non-controlling interest in these assets.

### Sarnia Facility

The Sarnia facility is a 499 MW combined-cycle cogeneration facility located in Sarnia, Ontario. The wholly owned facility provides power and steam to nearby industrial facilities owned by ARLANXEO Canada Inc. (formerly LANXESS AG, successor to Bayer Inc.), Nova Chemicals (Canada) Ltd. ("NOVA"), which in turn supplies INEOS Styrolution, a styrene production facility formerly owned by NOVA and Suncor Energy Products Partnership. The facility also provides electricity to the IESO under a contract that terminates Dec. 31, 2025. On May 12, 2021, the Company executed an Amended and Restated Energy Supply Agreement with one of its large industrial customers at the Sarnia cogeneration facility that provides for the supply of electricity and steam. This agreement extends the term of the original agreement from Dec. 31, 2022, to Dec. 31, 2032. However, if TransAlta is unable to enter into a new contract with the IESO or enter into agreements with its other industrial customers at the Sarnia cogeneration facility that extend past Dec. 31, 2025, then the Company has the option to provide notice of termination in 2022 that would terminate the Amended and Restated Energy Supply Agreement four years following such notice.

The Company is in active discussions with the three other existing industrial customers regarding extensions to their supply of electricity and steam from the Sarnia cogeneration facility on comparable terms. The current contract with the IESO in respect of the Sarnia cogeneration facility expires on Dec. 31, 2025. On July 19, 2021, the IESO released its Annual Acquisition Report which included draft details for mid- and long-term procurement mechanisms for capacity for 2026 and beyond for existing and new generation. The Company is participating in the consultation process, seeking to secure a contract extension for the Sarnia cogeneration facility following the end of the current contract.

The Sarnia facility uses three Alstom 11N2 gas turbines, each capable of generating between 102 MW and 118 MW, one condensing steam turbine that can produce 120 MW and back-pressure steam turbines capable of generating 49 MW. The facility also incorporates a fired boiler, river-water pumphouses and water treatment plants. In 2018, the Sarnia facility's capacity was permanently reduced from 506 MW to 499 MW due to the lay-up of one generator. The reduction in capacity does not impact the facility's ability to meet its contractual requirements.

# **Economic Interest in US Gas Facility**

The following table summarizes our economic interest in a US Gas facility as at Dec. 31, 2021:

Total US Gas Net Capacity		29		29		29			
Ada <sup>(2)</sup>	MI	29	100%	29	100%	29	1991	Consumers Energy/ Amway	2026
Facility Name	Province/ State	Nameplate Capacity (MW) <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	Consolidated Interest	Gross Installed Capacity (MW) <sup>(1)(3)</sup>	Ownership	Net Capacity Ownership Interest (MW) <sup>(1)(3)</sup>	Commercial Operation Date	Counterparty	Contract Expiry Date

#### Notes:

- ${\it (1)} \ MW \ are \ rounded \ to \ the \ nearest \ whole \ number.$
- (2) The Company holds an economic interest in this facility and does not own this facility directly or indirectly.
- (3) The gross installed capacity reflects the basis of consolidation of underlying assets owned, plus those in which we hold an economic interest. Net capacity ownership deducts capacity attributable to non-controlling interest in these assets.

# Ada Cogeneration Facility

On Dec. 23, 2020, the Company announced that it had entered into a definitive agreement with TransAlta for the acquisition by the Company of the economic interest in the Ada cogeneration facility, which closed on April 1, 2021. Ada is a 29 MW cogeneration facility located in Ada, Michigan. The cogeneration facility began commercial operations in 1991 and has a power and steam sale agreement with Consumers Energy and Amway that expires in 2026. The Company owns the economic interest in this facility through its ownership of Ada Tracking Preferred Shares.

# **Economic Interest in US Wind and Solar Facilities**

The following table summarizes our economic interest in the US wind and solar assets as at Dec. 31, 2021:

Facility Name	Province/ State	Nameplate Capacity (MW) <sup>(1)(3)</sup>	Consolidated Interest	Gross Installed Capacity (MW) <sup>(1)(3)</sup>	Ownership	Net Capacity Ownership Interest (MW) <sup>(1)(3)</sup>	Commercial Operation Date	Counterparty	Contract Expiry Date
Antrim wind facility <sup>(2)</sup>	NH	29	100%	29	100%	29	2019	Partners HealthCare and New Hampshire Electric Co-op	2039
Big Level wind facility <sup>(2)</sup>	PA	90	100%	90	100%	90	2019	Microsoft	2034
Lakeswind wind facility <sup>(2)</sup>	MN	50	100%	50	100%	50	2014	Investment- Grade Counterparty	2034
Mass Solar <sup>(2)</sup>	MA	21	100%	21	100%	21	2012-2015	High-Quality Counterparties	2032-2045
North Carolina Solar <sup>(2)</sup>	NC	122	100%	122	100%	122	2019-2021	Duke Energy	2033
Skookumchuck Wind <sup>(2)</sup>	WA	137	49%	67	100%	67	2020	Puget Sound Energy	2040
Wyoming wind facility <sup>(2)</sup>	WY	140	100%	140	100%	140	2003	Investment- Grade Counterparty	2028
Total US Wind and Solar Ne	et Capacity	589		519		519			

# Notes:

- (1) MW are rounded to the nearest whole number.
- (2) The Company holds an economic interest in this facility and does not own this facility directly or indirectly.
- (3) The gross installed capacity reflects the basis of consolidation of underlying assets owned, plus those in which we hold an economic interest. Net capacity ownership interest deducts capacity attributable to non-controlling interest in these assets.

#### Antrim

The 29 MW Antrim wind facility consists of nine 3.2 MW Siemens Gamesa wind turbines and is located in New Hampshire. It began commercial operations in December 2019. The Company owns the economic interest in this facility through its ownership of Big Level and Antrim Tracking Preferred Shares. Generation from this facility is sold under two separate PPAs with two investment-grade counterparties that terminate in 2039.

#### Ria Level

The 90 MW Big Level wind facility consists of 25 3.6 MW GE wind turbines and is located in Pennsylvania. It began commercial operations in December 2019. The Company owns the economic interest in this facility through its ownership of Big Level and Antrim Tracking Preferred Shares. Generation from this facility is sold under a PPA with Microsoft Corporation that terminates in 2034.

#### Lakeswind

The 50 MW Lakeswind wind facility consists of 32 1.5 MW GE wind turbines and is located in Rollag, Minnesota. It began commercial operations in 2014. The Company owns the economic interest in this facility through its ownership of Lakeswind Tracking Preferred Shares. Generation from this facility is sold under a PPA with an investment-grade counterparty that terminates in 2034.

# Mass Solar

The 21 MW Mass Solar facility includes four ground-mounted sites and four rooftop sites in Massachusetts. The facility began commercial operations between 2012 and 2015. The Company owns the economic interest in this facility through its ownership of Mass Solar Tracking Preferred Shares. Generation from this facility is sold under PPAs with high-quality counterparties that terminate between 2032 and 2045. In addition to revenue generated under the PPAs, the projects generate Solar Renewable Energy Credits that expire in 2024.

### North Carolina Solar

The North Carolina Solar facility is a 122 MW solar facility consisting of 20 sites located in North Carolina. The solar facility was acquired in November 2021 from a fund managed by Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners. The Company owns the economic interest in this facility through its ownership of North Carolina Solar Tracking Preferred Shares that provides the Company with a 100 per cent economic interest in the solar facility. The sites are all operational and were commissioned between November 2019 and May 2021. Generation from this facility is sold under long-term PPAs with Duke Energy, which have an average remaining term of 12 years.

#### Skookumchuck Wind

On Dec. 23, 2020, the Company entered into a definitive agreement with TransAlta to acquire a 49 per cent economic interest in the Skookumchuck wind facility from TransAlta. The transaction closed on April 1, 2021. The Skookumchuck wind facility is a 136.8 MW wind project located in Lewis and Thurston counties near Centralia in Washington state and consists of 38 Vestas 136 wind turbines. The Company owns the economic interest in this facility through its ownership of Skookumchuck Tracking Preferred Shares. The facility began commercial operations on Nov. 7, 2020. Generation from this facility is sold under a 20-year PPA with Puget Sound Energy.

# Wyoming

The 140 MW Wyoming wind facility consists of 78 1.8 MW Vestas V80 wind turbines on 67-metre towers, and is located near Evanston, Wyoming. It began commercial operations in December 2003. The Company owns the economic interest in this facility through its ownership of Wyoming Wind Tracking Preferred Shares. Generation from this facility is sold under a PPA with an investment-grade counterparty that terminates in 2028.

# **Economic Interest in Australian Assets**

We acquired an economic interest in the portfolio of Australian Assets from TransAlta on May 7, 2015. The portfolio consists of 450 MW of power generation from six operating assets and a 270 kilometres gas pipeline. The assets are located in Western Australia and are operated by TransAlta. We acquired the economic interest in all of the Australian Assets from a subsidiary of TransAlta in consideration for a payment equal to \$1.78 billion. We acquired our economic interest in the Australian Assets through our subscription of Class A Tracking Preferred Shares (the "Australian Tracking Preferred Shares") in the capital of TA Energy. See the "Business of TransAlta Renewables – Investment Agreement – Australian Assets" section of this AIF.

The following table summarizes our economic interest in the Australia assets as at Dec. 31, 2021:

Facility Name	Province/ State	Nameplate Capacity (MW) <sup>(1)(2)(7)</sup>	Consolidated Interest	Gross Installed Capacity (MW) <sup>(3)(7)</sup>	Ownership	Net Capacity Ownership Interest (MW) <sup>(1)(7)</sup>	Commercial Operation Date	Counterparty	Contract Expiry Date
Fortescue River Gas Pipeline <sup>(2)</sup>	WA	N/A	43%	N/A	100%	N/A	2015	FMG	2035
Parkeston <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	WA	110	50%	55	100%	55	1996	Northern Star (Power) Pty Ltd./Merchant	2026
Southern Cross <sup>(2)(4)</sup>	WA	245	100%	245	100%	245	1996	BHP	2038
South Hedland <sup>(2)</sup>	WA	150	100%	150	100%	150	2017	LTCs <sup>(5)</sup>	2042
Total Australia Net Capacity <sup>(6)</sup>		505		450		450			•

#### Notes:

- (1) MW are rounded to the nearest whole number.
- (2) The Company holds an economic interest in this facility, and does not own this facility directly or indirectly.
- $(3) \ Facility \ contracted \ to \ October \ 2026 \ with \ early \ termination \ options \ beginning \ in \ 2021.$
- (4) Comprised of four facilities.
- (5) Long-term contracts ("LTCs") with two counterparties: Horizon Power and FMG.
- (6) Excludes the Northern Goldfields Solar project, which is currently under construction.
- (7) The gross installed capacity reflects the basis of consolidation of underlying assets owned, plus those in which we hold an economic interest. Net capacity ownership interest deducts capacity attributable to non-controlling interest in these assets. Megawatts are rounded to the nearest whole number.

# Fortescue River Gas Pipeline

In 2014, TransAlta established the Fortescue River Gas Pipeline joint venture with AGI Fortescue River Pty Ltd. The joint venture, of which TransAlta is a 43 per cent partner, was successfully awarded the contract to design, build, own and operate the 270 kilometres Fortescue River Gas Pipeline to deliver natural gas to the Solomon facility. The pipeline was completed in the first quarter of 2015 and operates under a take-or-pay gas transport agreement with a subsidiary of FMG for an initial term of 20 years. The 16-inch diameter pipeline has an initial free-flow capacity of 64 terajoules per day. The Company owns the economic interest in this facility through its ownership of the Australian Tracking Preferred Shares. Under the terms of the gas tariff agreement, FMG has the option to purchase the Fortescue River Gas Pipeline from the joint venture commencing March 2020. FMG currently maintains its option and the joint venture continues to deliver natural gas transportation to the Solomon facility. See the "Business of TransAlta Renewables - Investment Agreement - Australian Assets" section of this AIF.

#### **Parkeston**

The Parkeston facility is a 110 MW dual-fuel natural-gas and diesel-fired power station that TransAlta owns through a 50/50 joint venture with Northern Star (NPK) Pty Ltd., a subsidiary of Northern Star Resources Limited. The ownership of Newmont Australia Pty Ltd's 50 per cent interest in the Parkeston facility was transferred to Northern Star Resources Limited on Dec. 1, 2021. The Parkeston facility primarily supplies energy to Kalgoorlie Consolidated Gold Mines pursuant to a supply contract that expires in October 2026, with options for early termination available to either party beginning in 2021. Any merchant capacity and energy are sold into Western Australia's wholesale electricity market. The Company owns the economic interest in this facility through its ownership of the Australian Tracking Preferred Shares. See the "Business of TransAlta Renewables – Investment Agreement – Australian Assets" section of this AIF.

#### Southern Cross Energy

Southern Cross Energy is composed of four natural-gas and diesel-fired generation facilities with a combined capacity of 245 MW. Southern Cross Energy sells its output pursuant to a contract with BHP that was renewed in October 2013 for a further 10 years. In October 2020, the PPA was extended to Dec. 31, 2038, and was amended to provide Southern Cross Energy with the exclusive right to supply thermal and electrical energy for BHP's mining operations located in the Goldfields region of Western Australia.

The amendments to the PPA maintain the Company's economic benefit under the prior PPA to 2023, while also providing a return of and on new capital investments, which will support BHP's future power requirements and recently announced emission reduction targets. The amendments to the PPA also provide BHP with participation rights in integrating renewable electricity generation, including solar and wind, with energy storage technologies, subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions. New-build projects are underway under this contract, with the Northern Goldfields Solar Project in Mount Keith and Leinster having commenced construction in the first quarter of 2022. See the "Northern Goldfields Solar Project" section of this AIF. The Company owns the economic interest in this facility through its ownership of the Australian Tracking Preferred Shares. See the "Business of TransAlta Renewables - Investment Agreement - Australian Assets" section of this AIF.

#### South Hedland

The South Hedland Power Station is a 150 MW combined-cycle power station located near South Hedland, Western Australia. Construction began in early 2015 and the plant achieved commercial operation on July 28, 2017. The facility is fully contracted with two customers, with 110 MWs of the facility's total capacity contracted to Horizon Power until 2042. Horizon Power is the state-owned electricity supplier in the region. FMG has also contracted for capacity pursuant to a PPA that commenced January 1, 2022. The Company owns the economic interest in this facility through its ownership of the Australian Tracking Preferred Shares. See the "Business of TransAlta Renewables – Investment Agreement – Australian Assets" section of this AIF.

# **Assets Under Construction**

# Northern Goldfields Solar Project

The Northern Goldfields Solar Project is currently under construction and in located in Western Australia and will allow the Company to provide BHP with renewable electricity to its Goldfields-based operations. The project comprises the 27 MW Mount Keith Solar Farm, 11 MW Leinster Solar Farm, 10 MW/5MWh Leinster battery energy storage system and interconnecting transmission infrastructure, all of which will be integrated into our existing 169 MW Southern Cross Energy North remote network in Western Australia. Construction activities started in the first quarter of 2022 with completion of the projects expected in the second half of 2022.

# **Investment Agreement - Australian Assets**

As of May 7, 2015, the Company acquired, pursuant to an investment agreement with TransAlta ("Australia Investment Agreement") Mandatory Redeemable Preferred Shares and Australian Tracking Preferred Shares providing us with an economic interest based on the cash flows broadly equal to the underlying net distributable profits of TEA. TEA is a wholly owned subsidiary of TransAlta that, directly and indirectly, owns the Australian Assets. The Australian Tracking Preferred Shares were issued to the Company by TA Energy. TransAlta received net cash proceeds of \$216.9 million as well as approximately \$1,067 million as consideration through a combination of Common Shares and Class B Shares. On Aug. 1, 2017, the 26.1 million Class B Shares converted into 264 million Common Shares.

Pursuant to the terms of the Australian Tracking Preferred Shares, the Company is entitled to receive, in priority to the common shares in the capital of TA Energy, quarterly preferential cash dividends ("Australia Dividend Payments"). The Australian Tracking Preferred Shares have no residual right to participate in the earnings of TA Energy.

In the event of the liquidation, dissolution or winding up of TA Energy or any other distribution of the assets of TA Energy among its shareholders for the purpose of winding up its affairs, we will be entitled, subject to applicable law, to receive from TA Energy as the sole holder of Australian Tracking Preferred Shares, before any distribution by TA Energy to the holders of its common shares or any other shares ranking junior to the Australian Tracking Preferred Shares, an amount equal to the fair market value of the Australian Assets.

As a holder of Australian Tracking Preferred Shares, we are not entitled to receive notice of or to attend any meeting of the shareholders of TA Energy and are not entitled to vote at any such meeting unless and until TA Energy fails to pay, in the aggregate, four Australia Dividend Payments on the dates when the same should be paid, whether or not consecutive, and whether or not such dividends have been declared and whether or not there are any sums of money of TA Energy properly applicable to the payment of dividends. Thereafter, but only for so long as any Australia Dividend Payments remain in arrears, we will, as the sole holders of Australian Tracking Preferred Shares, be entitled to elect 30 per cent of the members of the board of directors of TA Energy (subject to rounding up to the nearest whole number).

The Australia Investment Agreement provides that, among other things, for so long as the Company owns Australian Tracking Preferred Shares: (a) TEA may not (i) amend its constating documents in a manner materially adverse to the consideration to be received by TransAlta Renewables; (ii) split, combine or reclassify any of its shares; or (iii) enter into or modify any contract, agreement, commitment or arrangement with respect to any of the foregoing; (b) TEA will operate, maintain and preserve the Australian Assets and conduct its business in the ordinary and usual course; and (c) TEA will not (i) enter into, cancel or amend any agreement or commitment that is material to the Australian Assets or (ii) sell, encumber, dispose, surrender or abandon any of the Australian Assets, other than as permitted. The Australian Investment Agreement also provides us with a right of first offer on select potential growth initiatives in Australia and certain protections in relation to exchange rates.

# **TransAlta Power Purchase and Sale Arrangements**

On Aug. 9, 2013, the Merchant Subsidiaries entered into a TransAlta PPA providing for the purchase by TransAlta, for a fixed price, of all of the power produced by the facilities whose power had previously been sold on a merchant basis ("Merchant Facility").

The price payable by TransAlta for output under each TransAlta PPA was initially set at \$30.00/MWh for wind facilities and \$45.00/MWh for hydroelectric facilities, with the amounts adjusted annually for changes in the Consumer Price Index ("CPI"). The CPI-adjusted prices for 2021 were \$33.77 per MWh for wind facilities and \$50.66 per MWh for hydroelectric facilities.

Under the terms of each TransAlta PPA, the applicable Merchant Subsidiary agrees to use its reasonable commercial efforts to maximize the amount of energy generated at its Merchant Facilities over the term of the applicable TransAlta PPA; however, the Merchant Subsidiary is under no obligation to deliver any specified amount of energy and in no event will any penalties or curtailment payments be payable under the applicable TransAlta PPA. The Merchant Subsidiaries assume all operating and generating risk and TransAlta will only be required to purchase power that is actually produced.

Each Merchant Subsidiary retains all the environmental attributes (including any RECs) derived from or arising in connection with its Merchant Facilities; however, TransAlta is obligated to use reasonable commercial efforts to sell those environmental attributes for and on behalf of such Merchant Subsidiary in a timely manner as and when they come into existence, with the full proceeds in connection with any such sales being for the benefit of the applicable Merchant Subsidiary.

TransAlta has dispatch rights for wind and hydroelectric output produced by the Merchant Subsidiaries under the applicable TransAlta PPAs. Dispatchable wind rules came into effect in Alberta on April 1, 2015, as established by the AESO. As part of the dispatchable wind rule changes, pool participants for wind-aggregated generating facilities can voluntarily offer into the energy market merit order at prices greater than \$0.00/MWh. TransAlta has dispatch rights for wind output produced by the Merchant Subsidiaries under the applicable TransAlta PPAs. TransAlta is obligated to pay for available output not dispatched by TransAlta if power generation from qualified wind facilities is dispatched. The TransAlta PPAs provide that any change to the electricity market that has a significant effect on either TransAlta or the Company will cause the parties to engage in good faith negotiations to amend the TransAlta PPAs as required to ensure that the underlying principles of the TransAlta PPAs are reflected thereunder.

Each TransAlta PPA has a term of 20 years or end-of-asset life, where end-of-asset life is less than 20 years. Each TransAlta PPA may be terminated by: (a) the mutual agreement of the parties; (b) the Merchant Subsidiary upon the occurrence of a material default by TransAlta; and (c) TransAlta (i) upon the occurrence of a material default by the Merchant Subsidiary; (ii) upon a "Change of Control" of the Company, being the acquisition by any person or group of persons acting jointly and in concert (other than TransAlta and its affiliates) of more than 50 per cent of the issued and outstanding Common Shares; or (iii) upon a "Change of Control" of the Merchant Subsidiary, being the acquisition by any person or group of persons acting jointly and in concert (other than the Company and its affiliates) of more than 50 per cent of the issued and outstanding voting securities of the Merchant Subsidiary.

Each of the Merchant Subsidiaries and, to the knowledge of TransAlta Renewables, TransAlta, is in compliance with their obligations under the TransAlta PPAs and no material default has occurred.

# **Power Sales, Grants and Incentives**

There are many ways to generate revenue and use incentives across the power generation industry. In the renewable generation sector, government support to promote investment into renewable power generation sources has been demonstrated through long-term PPAs or alternative contracts such as those pursuant to the feed-in-tariff programs, a government policy mechanism used to support the adoption of renewable power. For facilities not subject to a PPA, the facility's owner may elect to use derivative contracts, such as power hedge contracts, to secure a fixed price for its power production or, alternatively, sell its production at prevailing market prices.

In addition to government-supported PPAs, additional incentives supported by governments have been used to stimulate investment in renewable power. These incentives have typically included incentive payments based on generation from renewable power facilities, capital cost grants, tax credits and environmental attributes to meet certain emission standards.

Governments may provide tax incentives or cash grants to promote and facilitate investment in renewable power. In Canada, several federal and provincial programs have been commissioned to promote the development of renewable power, such as the Environmental Performance Credits (as described below), as well as tax credits such as accelerated depreciation incentives that enable renewable power producers to deduct the capital cost of these assets at a rate faster than accounting depreciation, which benefits the economics of a project.

# **Accelerated Depreciation**

The Canadian federal government provides accelerated depreciation for tax purposes for certain renewable power generation assets that meet specific criteria, as well as certain high-efficiency cogeneration equipment. Class 43.1 was introduced in 1994 and provides a 30 per cent declining balance accelerated capital cost allowance rate for renewable assets. Class 43.2 was introduced in 2005 and provides a 50 per cent declining balance accelerated capital cost allowance rate for renewable assets acquired before 2025. Additionally, in Canada, certain expenses incurred by independent power producers during the pre-production development phase may qualify as a Canadian Renewable and Conservation Expense, which provides a full deduction in the year qualifying expenditures were incurred.

In November 2018, the federal Minister of Finance introduced the Accelerated Investment Incentive, which provides an immediate write-off of newly acquired clean energy equipment acquired after Nov. 20, 2018, and available for use before 2028. Clean energy equipment includes Class 43.1 and Class 43.2 additions. The proposal was included in the 2019 federal budget issued in March 2019 and the bill was passed into law in June 2019.

# **Carbon Offset and Emission Performance Credits**

In 2007, the *Specified Gas Emitters Regulation* ("SGER"), a greenhouse gas ("GHG") regulatory scheme, was launched by the Government of Alberta. The SGER regulated industrial facilities that emit GHGs above a specified threshold. Under SGER, some renewable generating facilities in Alberta were able to generate offset credits for a period of up to 13 years that could be used by compliance entities to reduce the cost of meeting their carbon obligations as offsets trade at prices below compliance costs.

On Jan. 1, 2018, the Alberta government transitioned from the SGER to the Carbon Competitiveness Incentive Regulation ("CCIR"). Under the CCIR, the regulatory compliance moved from a facility-specific compliance standard to a product/sectoral performance compliance standard. All renewable assets that received offset crediting under the SGER continued to receive credits under CCIR on a one-to-one basis. All other renewables that did not receive credits under SGER were able to opt into the CCIR and receive EPCs up to the electricity sector performance standard in perpetuity. Under the CCIR, only facilities that had a capacity greater than 5 MW could opt in under CCIR and receive EPCs. Offsets and EPCs are equal carbon credits expressed in units of tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent ("CO $_2$ e") that can be used for compliance purposes.

The Alberta government enacted legislation to move from the CCIR large emitters regulation to a new regulation: the Technology Innovation and Emission Reduction Regulation ("TIER"). TIER replaced CCIR on Jan. 1, 2020. For the electricity sector, there were negligible differences between CCIR and TIER, with renewable facilities continuing to generate both offset credits and EPCs as they did under CCIR. To date, the Company's assets that are generating carbon offset credits, include: (a) Ardenville; (b) Blue Trail; and (c) Summerview 2. See the "Business of TransAlta Renewables - Ongoing and Recently Passed Environmental Legislation - Alberta" section of this AIF.

Once a wind project's entitlement to offset crediting ends after 13 years from the date of commercial operation, the project can opt in under TIER and generate EPCs for the remainder of its operational life. Offset projects generate credits at 0.59 tonnes of  $CO_2e/MWh$  and opt-in renewables generate EPCs at the electricity benchmark of 0.37 tonnes of  $CO_2e/MWh$ . To date, the Company's assets that are generating emission performance credits, include: (a) Castle River; (b) Cowley North; (c) Summerview 1; (d) Sinnott; and (e) Soderglen. See the "Business of TransAlta Renewables - Ongoing and Recently Passed Environmental Legislation - Alberta" section of this AIF.

# Renewable energy credit sales

RECs may be used for a buyer's voluntary or mandatory compliance needs, and are typically subject to independent verification against predetermined criteria that varies by the applicable REC program. Value is generally determined by vintage (year of creation), eligibility in compliance regimes, technology/method used to create the credit and other region/buyer-specific parameters. Generally, the stricter the criteria for creating a REC, the higher the obtainable price for the REC. RECs may be bundled for sale with power in a PPA or other bilateral contract, or they may be exchanged in isolation.

Two of our assets generate merchant RECs that we sell into the Renewable Portfolio Standard ("RPS") market: Le Nordais in Québec and Mass Solar in Massachusetts. Both assets generate compliance-level RECs. Le Nordais qualifies to sell Class 1 RECs into the New England RPS markets. Mass Solar's facilities generate Solar RECs that sell at a premium for the first 10 years past commercial operation and afterwards the RECs generated can be sold as Class 1 RECs in the Massachusetts RPS and the rest of the New England RPS market.

# **Competitive Environment**

Power generation is an industry in the midst of an exciting transformation and the demand for electricity is expected to grow significantly over the long-term. We also anticipate the fuel generation mix to undergo a major shift in our key markets. In addition to the need to keep pace with ongoing demand growth for electricity, there are several key factors driving the need for significant investment in new generating capacity going forward. First, coal-based generation is being retired, with retirements driven by asset age as well as government policy that places a price on emissions and, in some cases, mandates the retirement of these assets. Second, government policies that impose costs or provide incentives for lower emission technologies are creating opportunities for renewable generation technologies. These opportunities are coinciding with a significant decline in the installed costs of wind and solar generation, as well as battery storage. As a result, these technologies now account for most of the new generating capacity added to many of the world's electricity grids. Third, electrification is seen as one of the most effective levers to reduce GHG emissions in many sectors, such as transportation. As these sectors and others continue to shift to electricity as their primary energy source, we will see accelerating demand growth for our product.

We expect that renewable power generation will continue to be one of the fastest-growing sources of power generation in both Canada, Australia and the US, a forecast that is well supported by recent trends and announcements.

## Canadian power industry

The Canadian power generation market is largely made up of provincially distinct markets, with wide variance in terms of electricity supply mix among the provinces and territories. Each province has developed a power sector driven by its unique economic, natural resource, regulatory and geographic makeup.

The abundance of hydroelectric resources in British Columbia, Manitoba, Québec and Newfoundland and Labrador has contributed to a generation fleet driven primarily by hydroelectric power in those provinces. Alberta, Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan have historically relied more heavily on coal power, but this is expected to change dramatically by 2030 due to federal and provincial regulations. Ontario and New Brunswick have relatively diversified generation fleets, relying on nuclear, thermal, wind and hydroelectric power. Although generation fuel types are diversified, all markets have experienced significant growth in renewable energy capacity including wind, solar and bioenergy, and this growth in renewable power capacity is expected to continue.

Wind and solar generation are expected to account for the majority of the increase above. The 2021 forecast of the Canada Energy Regulator ("CER") under the Evolving Policies Scenario predicts an additional 57 GW of wind capacity and 24 GW of solar capacity will be added during the forecast period to 2050. This growth trend is already well underway. According to the Canadian Renewable Energy Association, more wind generation was built in Canada between 2008 and 2018 than any other generating technology. Canada is the ninth-largest producer of wind energy in the world, with installed capacity of roughly 14 GW as of December 2020. Wind power supplies roughly six per cent of the total electricity demand in Canada.

Canada is a world leader in hydroelectric power generation and the CER forecasts that hydro will continue as a principal source of power generation for certain provinces through 2050. Today, hydroelectricity accounts for over 60 per cent of the total annual electricity production in Canada and the annual production is expected to increase from 386 TWh in 2020 to 446 TWh in 2050.

#### **US** power industry

The US Energy Information Administration (the "EIA") is projecting overall electricity generation to increase by approximately 30 per cent between 2019 and 2050, with renewable energy and natural gas representing the fastest-growing segments of power generation. As the amount of electricity generated from sources like coal and nuclear decline, production from renewables and natural gas-fired sources is expected to increase their share of supply significantly, including the addition of 117 GW of new wind and solar generation capacity in the period 2020-2023. According to the EIA, renewable energy generation in the US currently accounts for approximately 20 per cent of total power generation. The contribution of renewables to total generation in the electric power sector varies widely at the state level due to geographical limitations, availability of resources and government policy considerations.

We believe that renewable energy production in the US will continue to grow, with such growth being driven by the continuing increase in demand for electricity, the retirement of coal and nuclear power generation facilities, the implementation of renewable portfolio standards in 38 states, as well as other government incentive programs, and the continuation of such programs, and improvements in the cost and competitiveness of renewable energy generation technologies. In addition, a significant market has developed for the addition of new wind and solar generating assets directly contracted to corporate customers. As companies and investors increase the level of attention and importance on environment, social and governance measures we expect this market to continue to grow.

### Australian power industry

The Australian electricity industry is divided among three distinct markets, the National Electricity Market ("NEM") in the East, the Wholesale Electricity Market ("WEM") in Western Australia and the Northern Territory Electricity Market. In addition, there is a significant market for "off-grid" generation supporting remote communities and remote mining operations, particularly in Western Australia, Queensland and the Northern Territory.

The NEM is the largest market in Australia, currently with over 53 GW of installed capacity. The installed capacity based on coal generation is about 23 GW and much of this is expected to retire over the next decade due to the age of these assets. Renewables penetration, both wind and solar, has grown strongly in this market and that is expected to continue. The federal Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources predicts an overall renewables penetration of 50 per cent in the NEM and 55 per cent in the WEM by 2030.

Our business today is solely in Western Australia and focused on the large remote-mining industry in that state. The primary exports from Western Australia are iron ore, nickel and gold. Remote mining operations are exploring options to add renewable generation to their existing and new sites to reduce the amount of gas and diesel required in these operations. Our SCE facilities in the Goldfields region have a number of projects in development under our newly extended contractual arrangement to help our customer achieve their decarbonization objective. We expect this trend to continue and to create further opportunities for our business in Western Australia.

# **Competitive Strengths**

We believe that we are well positioned to achieve our business strategy due to our competitive strengths, which include the following:

# Wind generation

We are one of the largest owners of wind generation in Canada. Our management team has developed key relationships with customers and suppliers that provide an advantage in the development, construction, operation and marketing of wind generation.

# Significant scale and diversified portfolio

Our asset platform is diversified in terms of geography, generation and counterparties. We own 22 wind facilities, one battery storage facility, 13 hydroelectric facilities and one gas facility with an ownership interest of approximately 1,970 MW of owned capacity in the provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario, Québec and New Brunswick in Canada; an economic interest in approximately 998 MW of owned capacity located in Wyoming, Minnesota, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Washington, Michigan, North Carolina and Western Australia including gas, wind and solar; and an economic interest in a natural gas pipeline in Western Australia. This scale and diversification provides cash flow stability and reduces risk associated with operating facilities in a single jurisdiction and fuel type.

## **Established operating history**

Our assets have an established operating and performance history. The assets have been in operation from three months to 31 years, with the weighted average years of operation by capacity being 14 years, which includes facilities in which we own an economic interest.

# Strategic sponsorship with industry leader and experienced operator

TransAlta, our manager and operator, and its predecessors, have been engaged in the development, production and sale of electric energy since 1911, with its first operations being in hydroelectric generation. TransAlta is among Canada's largest non-regulated electricity generation and energy marketing companies with approximately 7,000 MW of installed net ownership generating capacity. TransAlta has been operating hydroelectric facilities for 110 years and was the first company to own and operate more than 1,000 net MW of wind generation capacity in Canada. TransAlta has significantly grown its renewables business from approximately 800 net MW in 2000 to above 2,400 MW of installed generation as at Dec. 31, 2021 (including the assets in TransAlta Renewables).

# Growth in target markets and technologies

We anticipate a significant need for investment in power generation infrastructure in Canada, Australia and the US, principally driven by the replacement of aging facilities and an anticipated increase in industrial activity and population growth. In addition, we anticipate that clean power generation sources, including both renewables and natural gas facilities, will experience the largest percentage growth, as jurisdictions continue to establish environmental-based production targets and other infrastructure assets. We believe that we are well positioned to pursue consolidation opportunities, given our scale and financial flexibility, as well as our relationship with TransAlta.

# Additional markets and technologies

While we presently intend to focus primarily on Canada, the US and Australia, we may consider expanding our operations into new markets. We may also explore growth opportunities in other forms of clean power generation, including geothermal and biomass-powered facilities, as well as other power-related infrastructure assets, such as transmission and the possibility of additional energy storage to complement our renewable assets. Our manager and operator, TransAlta, has experience in many of these clean electricity generating technologies and is exploring the conversion to gas and hydro expansion plans.

#### Stable cash flow base

Through the use of PPAs, nearly all our capacity is currently contracted over the next six years. Our PPAs have a weighted average remaining term by capacity of approximately 11 years. The net revenue received under these contractual arrangements helps to minimize short-term revenue fluctuations due to the variable price of electricity.

# Management team

TransAlta provides management, administrative and operational services to the Company. The members of TransAlta's management team who are responsible for managing our operations have extensive experience in the power generation business. TransAlta's employees providing management, administrative and operational services at our facilities are the same individuals who perform such services for TransAlta.

# **Environment**

We are a recognized leader in sustainable development and we have taken early preventive action on a number of environmental fronts in advance of regulatory requirements and policy changes.

# **Seasonality and Cyclicality**

Our business is cyclical due to: (a) the nature of electricity and the limited storage capacity of the Company; and (b) the nature of wind, solar and run-of-river hydroelectric resources, which fluctuate based on both seasonal patterns and annual weather variation.

Typically, run-of-river hydroelectric facilities and solar facilities generate most of their electricity and revenues during the spring and summer months when the melting snow starts feeding the watersheds and the rivers, and the sun is at its highest peak. Inversely, wind speeds are historically greater during the cold winter months when the air density is at its peak. Our strategy of technological, fuel type, and geographical diversification reduces our exposure to the variations of any one natural resource in any one region. Since our operations are presently based mainly on power generation from wind, our financial results in any one quarter may not, however, be representative of all quarters. See the "Risk Factors" section of this AIF.

# **Environmental Risk Management**

We are subject to federal, provincial, state and local environmental laws, regulations and guidelines concerning the generation and transmission of electrical and thermal energy. We are committed to complying with legislative and regulatory requirements and to minimizing the environmental impact of our operations. We work with governments and the public to develop appropriate frameworks to protect the environment as well as the communities in which we operate to promote sustainable development.

# Ongoing and recently passed environmental legislation

Changes in current environmental legislation do have an impact on our operations and business. See the "Risk Factors" section of this AIF.

#### Climate-Related Financial Disclosure

The Company has prepared an assessment of climate-related risks and opportunities to enhance our alignment with the recommendations of TCFD describing our climate change strategy, governance, risk management approach, GHG metrics and targets. In 2021, we conducted our first climate-related scenario analysis to strengthen decision-making and climate-related reporting, which is summarized in our Annual MD&A.

#### Canadian federal government

#### Federal Climate Plan

On June 21, 2018, the Canadian federal *Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act* ("GGPPA") came into force. Under the GGPPA, the Canadian federal government implemented a national price on GHG emissions. The price began at \$20 per tonne of CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions in 2019, and rose by \$10 per year until reaching \$50 per tonne in 2022. The federal government has announced the price will rise by \$15 per year starting in 2023 until it reaches \$170 in 2030.

On Jan. 1, 2019, the GGPPA's backstop mechanisms came into force in provinces and territories that did not have an independent carbon pricing program or where the existing program was not deemed equivalent to the federal system. The backstop mechanism has two components: the federal pollution pricing fuel charge ("Carbon Tax") and the regulation for large emitters, OBPS. The Carbon Tax sets a carbon price per tonne of GHG emissions related to transportation fuels, heating fuels and other small emission sources. Ontario was the only jurisdiction where TransAlta operates assets covered by the OBPS; however as of Jan. 1, 2022, Ontario transitioned from the federal OBPS to the Ontario Emissions Performance Standards program ("EPS"). Alberta and Ontario are subject to the federal consumer carbon tax.

Other jurisdictions that were compliant with the GGPPA did not have the backstop mechanism imposed in 2020. To this point, these jurisdictions have filed and had their carbon pricing programs approved annually by the federal government. The federal government has announced its intent to approve provincial programs in 2023 for the full 2023-2030 period. Over future annual compliance periods, if parts or all of a province's GHG regulations fall out of compliance with the GGPPA, the federal government will impose its backstop mechanisms.

On Dec. 11, 2020, the Government of Canada released its "A Healthy Environment and a Healthy Economy" climate plan that outlines how the federal government intends to use policies, regulations, and funding to achieve Canada's Paris Agreement emissions reduction target. The three major aspects of the plan include increased carbon prices and obligations, increased funding for clean technology and the implementation of the Clean Fuel Regulation ("CFR"). The government stated that it will consult with provinces and industry regarding many elements of the plan so significant uncertainty remains regarding final form of the regulations and other initiatives.

The following are key proposed elements of the federal plan:

- the carbon price for the carbon tax and the larger emitters program will rise \$15 per tonne CO<sub>2</sub>e per year from 2023 until reaching \$170 per tonne CO<sub>2</sub>e by 2030;
- carbon obligations will rise as benchmark under large emitter regulations tighten;
- a Clean Electricity Standard will be developed to achieve a net zero grid in Canada;
- over \$10 billion of funding will be available for everything from electric vehicles and clean energy development, to battery storage and improved grid technology;
- the CFR will apply to liquid fuels but not to gaseous or solid fuels; and
- a GHG offset credit system will be developed for the CFR and the OBPS.

In April 2021, the Government of Canada announced a revised GHG emissions target of 40-45 per cent below 2005 levels by 2030. During the 2021 election campaign, the government committed to achieving a net zero grid by 2035 and subsequently indicated that its proposed Clean Electricity Standard would be designed to achieve this goal.

In December 2021, the government extended the timeline to release an Emissions Reduction Plan, as required by the new *Canadian Net-Zero Emissions Accountability Act*, to March 2022. This plan is expected to provide more detail regarding how the government intends to reach Canada's 2030 emissions targets. TransAlta has made a submission regarding the federal Emissions Reduction Plan and will continue to engage with governments to mitigate risks and identify opportunities within the new federal plan.

#### **Alberta**

# Large Emitter Greenhouse Gas Regulations

On Jan. 1, 2020, the Government of Alberta replaced the previous CCIR with TIER. For the electricity sector, there were negligible changes between CCIR and TIER with renewable facilities continuing to receive crediting. The carbon price for TIER in 2022 has been set at \$50 per tonne of  $CO_2e$ , aligned with the GGPPA requirements. The performance standard benchmark remained at 0.370 tonnes of  $CO_2e$ /MWh. A review of TIER is expected in 2022. Facilities with emissions above the set benchmark comply with TIER by: (a) paying into the TIER Fund (a government-controlled fund that invests in emissions reduction in the province) at the current carbon price; (b) making reductions at their facility; (c) remitting emission performance credits from other facilities; or (d) remitting emission offset credits. As required by the GGPPA, the Alberta government submits annual reports with TIER program details to the federal government. The federal government reviewed TIER and found it compliant with the GGPPA for 2022.

# Bill 86, the Electricity Statutes Amendment Act ("ESAA")

The ESAA was introduced on Nov. 17, 2021, and passed its second reading on Nov. 24, 2021, which seeks to address the changing ways that electricity producers and consumers interact with and use Alberta's power grid to encourage adoption and investment in emerging energy systems and technologies. The Government is expected to reintroduce the the bill, with a different name, in the spring session for a final reading when the accompanying regulations are drafted.

If passed, the ESAA will allow the integration of energy storage into Alberta's interconnected electricity system in both the competitive electricity market and the transmission and distribution system; allow unlimited self-supply with export while ensuring that transmission system costs are balanced among all system participants; modernize Alberta's electricity distribution system to ensure the cost-effectiveness; and include a requirement for distribution owners to provide a long-term planning process. TransAlta will continue to participate in the regulatory development engagements to ensure that our strategic interest and positions, especially with regards to storage, are well represented.

# **British Columbia**

Beginning April 1, 2018, the British Columbia government increased its carbon tax price to \$35 per tonne of  $CO_2e$  and committed to raise the price by \$5 per tonne each year until it reaches \$50 per tonne. The carbon tax is scheduled to increase to \$50 per tonne of  $CO_2e$  in April 2022. The tax has a negligible cost impact for the Company as the tax applies primarily to our transportation fuel use, which is negligible in British Columbia.

#### **Ontario**

# Large Emitter Greenhouse Gas Regulations

On July 4, 2019, the Government of Ontario released its regulations for the provincial EPS carbon pricing system. On Sept. 21, 2020, the federal government accepted the Ontario government's EPS as meeting the requirements of the GGPPA. In Dec. 2020, the Ontario government published amendments to align the EPS with the GGPPA requirements. As of Jan. 1, 2022, the EPS system applies in Ontario and the federal OBPS no longer applies to covered emitters.

The EPS proposed stand-alone facility electricity performance standard differs from the OBPS performance standard for cogeneration facilities. This may place cogeneration electricity at a carbon pricing disadvantage relative to standalone electricity facilities as the efficiency benefits of cogeneration are not fully realized. However, as carbon costs are passed through under current contracts, risks related to changes under the Ontario EPS are reduced. Notwithstanding, TransAlta is working to understand the interpretation of the policy in terms of the applicable quantification methodologies and any potential implications to our thermal asset contracts in Ontario.

# New Hampshire (ISO-New England)

The New Hampshire market has a RPS, is part of the New England REC market and is also a partner in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative – a carbon cap and trade program. However, Antrim wind facility has long-term contracts in place for its energy and environmental attributes plus long-term capacity commitments. As a result, state and regional environmental and market regulations and policy are expected to have an immaterial impact on revenues.

### Massachusetts (ISO-New England)

The Solar Renewable Electricity Credit I ("SREC I") program carved out from Massachusetts' RPS an initial quantity of 400 MW from small solar facilities of 10 MW or less. The initial SREC I program size was expanded and then replaced by a lower value SREC II program. In 2018, the solar incentive program evolved into the current Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target program that further reduced the incentive levels. Under the current program, the value of the solar REC-related credits has been further reduced by reducing the compliance cost of not meeting these additional solar purchase requirements.

The initial SREC I program's volume target was achieved, and qualified projects under SREC I continue to generate SREC I credits for their first 10 years following their commercial operation date. Post SREC I crediting facilities transition to generating Class 1 RECs under the Massachusetts RPS for the remainder of their operational life.

Under Massachusetts' net metering program, qualified facilities connect with the local utility and generate net metering credits. Net metering credits offset the load customer's delivery, supply and customer charges and can be sold to customers from remote or on-site qualifying facilities. In 2016, the net metering program was updated to reduce the value of the net metering credits by reducing the cost offset to only cover energy market costs. New projects are impacted once the net metering program volume reached 1,600 MW. TransAlta Renewables' and other existing facilities were grandfathered and continue to receive the full original cost offset treatment for a period of 25 years from initial commercial operations date.

The Le Nordais wind facility receives value from the sale of RECs into the New England RPS markets. Massachusetts has proposed a lower compliance cost ceiling on its RPS standard that could have a negative impact on Le Nordais' REC sales price as the price of RECs decline. The change in regulation published July 9, 2021, provides that the alternative compliance payment rate for the RPS Class I Minimum Standard will be \$60 per MWh in compliance year 2021, \$50 per MWh in compliance year 2022, and \$40 per MWh, beginning in compliance year 2023. The RECs are currently trading at \$38/MWh below the 2022 ceiling price. Le Nordais is hedged through to 2023, insulating the Company from any changes. The Company will continue to market these RECs at the best available market price in the New England region.

# Minnesota (MISO)

Minnesota has an RPS and allows Michigan RECs to be used by utilities and non-utilities to meet the requirement. The RECs generated by the Lakeswind wind facility have been transferred to the customer as part of their long-term contract. As a result, the RPS has limited impact on project revenues.

# North Carolina (PJM)

While North Carolina has a Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard, under our PPAs, Duke Energy receives the renewable electricity, capacity and environmental attributes from each facility. As a result, the North Carolina solar facility is not expected to be directly impacted by the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard.

# Pennsylvania (PJM)

Pennsylvania has an RPS and is linked to the New England REC markets. PJM's capacity market's Minimum Offer Price Rule ("MOPR") is being revised. The Big Level wind facility is exempt from the MOPR rule because its interconnection construction agreement was filed before Dec. 19, 2019.

#### Wyoming (NWPP)

Wyoming has no RPS or carbon-related market. The Wyoming wind facility has long-term contracts for its power and environmental attributes so state environmental and market regulations and policy changes will continue to have an immaterial impact on revenues.

#### **Australia**

In October 2021, the Australian government announced a target to reach net zero emissions by 2050. The announcement was made at the UN Climate Change Conference in Glasgow ("COP26") and is in addition to the longer-standing target to cut emissions by 26 per cent to 28 per cent below 2005 levels by 2030. With the announcement, the Commonwealth Government is now fully aligned with all Australian States and Territories, which each have a target of net zero emissions by or before 2050, although apart from the Australian Capital Territory and the State of Victoria, none of the targets are legislated.

The Australian government's plan to achieve the necessary reductions is focused on technology development and cost reduction, enabling deployment at scale through incentives and infrastructure development. The plan also focuses on opportunities in new markets such as clean hydrogen exports as well as expanding markets for minerals and metals required for low emissions economies such as copper, nickel and lithium. The Australian government provides various targeted funding in this area, including via the Australian Renewable Energy Agency, which administers a funding application process for projects seeking to develop or commercialize technologies related to emissions reductions. For businesses, the main legislated compliance mechanisms include the Renewable Energy Target ("RET") and the safeguard mechanism.

The RET has been in place since 2001 to achieve legislated targets of renewable energy penetration in Australia. The current target of 33,000GWh/year of renewable energy production has applied from 2020 and will continue until 2030 when the scheme is due to expire. Under the scheme, renewable energy providers create tradable certificates (one for every MWh) with an obligation on electricity retailers to purchase certificates in proportion to their customers' load requirements.

On Dec. 13, 2014, the Australian government enacted legislation to implement the Emissions Reduction Fund (the "ERF"). The ERF's safeguard mechanism, commenced on July 1, 2016, and is designed to ensure emissions reductions purchased by the Australian government through the ERF are not displaced by significant increases in emissions elsewhere in the economy. The ERF and its safeguard mechanism provide incentives to reduce emissions across the Australian economy.

The ERF is not expected to have a material impact on our Australian assets. In Australia, electricity has a single sectoral baseline applied to all electricity generators' emissions for units connected to one of Australia's five main electricity grids. The electricity sector baseline has been set at 198 million tonnes  $CO_2e$  per year. If the baseline is exceeded, then all large emitter generation facilities will need to comply with individual facility baselines. The electricity sector is not expected to exceed the sectoral emission target as no new coal generation is being built and older coal facilities are being retired. It is expected that the Company's gas facilities will not be subject to carbon costs under current regulations unless changes are made.

# **Market Regulatory Framework**

Below is a description of the regulatory framework of the markets that are material to the Company.

#### Canada

# Alberta

Since Jan. 1, 1996, new generating capacity initiatives in Alberta have been undertaken by independent power producers and have been subject to market forces, rather than rate regulation. Power from commercial generation is cleared through a wholesale electricity market. Power is dispatched in accordance with an economic merit order administered by the AESO, based upon offers by generators to sell power in the real-time energy-only market. The Market Surveillance Administrator for the Province of Alberta is an independent entity responsible for monitoring and investigating the market behaviour of market participants, including the AESO and the Balancing Pool, and enforcing compliance with all applicable legislation, regulations and AESO and Alberta Utilities Commission ("AUC") rules. The AUC oversees electricity industry matters, including new power plant and transmission facilities, and the distribution and sale of electricity and retail natural gas. The AUC is also responsible for approving the AESO's rules and for determining penalties and sanctions on any participant found to have contravened market rules.

TransAlta Renewables' production in Alberta is contractually sold to TransAlta under the TransAlta PPA.

# **British Columbia**

British Columbia's electricity market is dominated by BC Hydro, a vertically integrated Crown corporation. The other provincial utility, FortisBC, has a small service territory in the interior of the province. Electricity is traded with other markets through BC Hydro's trading arm and wholly owned subsidiary, Powerex. All electricity utilities are regulated by the British Columbia Utilities Commission ("BCUC").

Under government direction in the late 1990s and early 2000s, BC Hydro established a private power market through several competitive calls for power from independent power producers. In recent years, BC Hydro stopped its competitive power calls and contracting with independent power producers, and it also suspended its smaller Standing Offer Program for small projects below 15 MW.

BC Hydro is delaying discussions related to recontracting assets until it has completed it new Integrated Resource Plan ("IRP"). In late summer 2021, BC Hydro started its Clean Power 2040 consultation process to feed into the development of the IRP. The purpose of the Clean Power 2040 process is to develop a long-term electricity system view to meet the climate change and to supply objectives related to provincial policy and legislation. The first round of discussions were completed in late 2020. BC Hydro filed its IRP with the BCUC in December 2021. The BCUC will hold a formal, public regulatory process on the IRP prior to providing a decision on the IRP.

Current Clean Power 2040 initial results indicate that BC Hydro continues to find a need to renew energy purchase Agreements with existing independent power producers like TransAlta's Pingston Hydro project.

# New Brunswick and Quebec

The electricity markets in New Brunswick and Quebec are vertically integrated markets with limited ability for independent projects to be developed in the market. In all cases, the projects have long-term contracts with the local utility so there is no merchant exposure or revenue risk.

#### Ontario

Ontario's electricity market is a hybrid market that includes a wholesale spot electricity market as well as regulated prices for certain electricity consumers and long-term contracts for the purchase of power by the IESO. The IESO is the successor organization resulting from the merger of the former IESO and Ontario Power Authority in 2015. The Ontario Ministry of Energy supports the IESO in defining the electricity mix to be procured by the IESO. The IESO has the mandate to undertake long-term planning of the power system, to procure the electricity generation in that plan and to manage contracts for privately owned generation. The IESO is responsible for managing the Ontario wholesale market and for ensuring the reliability of the electricity system in Ontario. The province's electricity sector is regulated by the Ontario Energy Board.

The IESO is currently undertaking a market renewal consultation that includes proposed fundamental changes to the electricity market. These include modifying the energy market, resource adequacy procurements, including medium-and long-term requests for proposals (RFP) and improving market operations and reliability. The energy market changes are planned to be implemented at the end of 2023.

The IESO has also actively engaged market participants on the design of its medium-term RFP and medium-term capacity contract. The first medium-term RFP is restricted to existing resource that will be uncontracted in mid-2027. The medium-term RFP is scheduled to take place in 2022 and will award contracts with terms of three to five years and the commencement dates of May 1, 2026. Furthermore, the IESO intends to provide mechanisms to bridge resources between contracts (i.e., extending an existing contract to the start date of a medium-term contract or starting a medium-term contract early). We expect the Sarnia and Melancthon 1 facilities will participate in the medium-term RFP.

#### US wholesale power market

The Federal Power Act gives the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") rate-making jurisdiction over public utilities engaged in wholesale sales of electricity and the transmission of electricity in interstate commerce. The Federal Power Act also provides FERC with the authority to certify and oversee an electric reliability organization that promulgates and enforces mandatory reliability standards applicable to all users, owners and operators of the bulk-power system. FERC has certified the North American Electric Reliability Corporation ("NERC") as the electric reliability organization. NERC has promulgated mandatory reliability standards, and, in conjunction with the regional reliability organizations that operate under FERC's and NERC's authority and oversight, enforces those mandatory reliability standards.

# Massachusetts (NE-ISO)

The Mass Solar facility in Massachusetts is connected to the distribution grid so its generated electricity flows directly to the utility and is not offered into the integrated market. All revenues associated with this project flow from the state's net metering and RPS programs. Under the terms of the long-term contract, all power is delivered to the off-taker, thereby minimizing the impact of any market changes on revenues.

# Minnesota (MISO)

The Lakeswind facility Minnesota is connected to the Midcontinent Independent System Operator ("MISO") and falls under FERC jurisdiction. FERC-approved MISO tariffs dictate market and operational requirement for facilities. MISO has both an energy market and a voluntary capacity market. Under the long-term contract, all power is delivered to the off-taker at the plant gate, thereby minimizing the impact of any market changes on revenues.

# New Hampshire (NE-ISO)

The Antrim facility in New Hampshire is connected to the New England Independent System Operator ISO ("NE-ISO") and falls under FERC jurisdiction. FERC-approved NE-ISO tariffs dictate market and operational requirement for facilities. The NE-ISO has both an energy market and a mandatory capacity market. Antrim's electricity is offered into the market and transferred to our customers. The Antrim facility has a long-term capacity supply obligation so is not impacted by near-term changes to the capacity market auction process. As Antrim and most other intermittent wind projects must take part in the NE-ISO's Do Not Exceed Dispatch, any market changes should have an immaterial impact on revenues.

#### North Carolina (PJM)

The North Carolina Solar facility is a portfolio of 20 solar generation projects that are connected to Duke Energy's distribution system and are not directly connected to the PJM system. The assets are qualified facilities under the *Public Utilities Regulatory Policy Act* that are fully contracted to Duke Energy as the buyer. Duke Energy is regulated by the North Carolina Utilities Commission, which sets regulated rates for utilities, oversees resource planning and monitors resource contracting. Given that the North Carolina Solar facility is fully contracted to Duke Energy under a long-term PPA, market changes are not expected to have any material impact on revenues during the contract term.

# Pennsylvania (PJM)

The Big Level facility in Pennsylvania is connected to the PJM ISO and falls under FERC jurisdiction. FERC-approved PJM tariffs dictate market and operational requirement for facilities. PJM has both an energy and a mandatory participation capacity market. The Big Level facility's attributes, including energy, capacity, and environmental credits, have been transferred to the buyer. As a result, market changes are not expected to have a material impact on revenues during the contract term.

# Washington (NWPP)

The Washington Transportation and Utilities Commission has the power to regulate and supervise every "public utility," which includes investor-owned electric utilities. For regulated electric utilities, the Commission approves regulated rates, reviews integrated resource plans, approves mergers and acquisitions and grants certificates of public convenience and necessity for large facilities (i.e., power plants and transmission lines). The Skookumchuck wind facility is not regulated by the Commission as it only sells wholesale electricity and does not sell retail electricity in the state. Only FERC and NERC requirements apply to the facility. As a result, the Company does not expect any material impacts on revenue streams from any Washington Transportation and Utilities Commission decisions.

# Wyoming (NWPP)

The Wyoming Public Service Commission has the power to regulate and supervise every "public utility," which includes four investor-owned electric utilities in Wyoming, as well as certain natural gas, electric, telecommunications, water, and pipeline services. For regulated electric utilities, the Wyoming Public Service Commission approves regulated rates, reviews integrated resource plans, approves mergers and acquisitions and grants certificates of public convenience and necessity for large facilities (e.g., power plants and transmission lines). The Wyoming wind facility is not regulated by the Wyoming Public Service Commission as it only sells wholesale electricity and does not sell retail electricity in the state. Only FERC and NERC requirements apply to the facility. As a result, the Company does not expect any material impact on revenue streams from any Wyoming Public Service Commission decisions.

# Australia

Australia has separate major electricity markets: the NEM encompassing all the major population centres on the eastern seaboard and the WEM covering the southwest region of Western Australia and including its capital city of Perth. A number of smaller, standalone electricity grids serve regional population centres including the North West Interconnected System ("NWIS") in the Pilbara region of Western Australia and the Darwin-Katherine System in the Northern Territory.

The Australian Energy Market Operator is the market operator for both the WEM and the NEM; however, the two markets are completely independent of each other having different market rules and no physical interconnection between them. The WEM includes both a market for generation capacity and a gross pool to trade energy with a single reference node for wholesale prices. The NEM is a pure energy-only market with five regional reference nodes for wholesale prices corresponding to each of the participating states of Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania and South Australia.

The Public Utilities Office of Western Australia ("PUO"), in its capacity as advisor to the Minister for Energy, is currently working with the Australian Energy Market Operator and the wider electricity industry to implement further reforms to the WEM including introducing constrained network access and required consequential amendments to the wholesale market rules to allow for security constrained dispatch. A comprehensive program of works is currently underway with a goal of implementing reforms on Oct. 1, 2022.

The PUO is also working with participants in the NWIS to introduce some elements of a more formal electricity market, including providing third-party access to the Horizon Power-owned part of the NWIS and providing centralized coordination of dispatch and ancillary services.

# **Risk Factors**

Readers should carefully consider the risk factors set forth below, as well as the other information contained and incorporated by reference in this AIF. For a further discussion of risk factors affecting TransAlta Renewables, please refer to "Risk Factors" in the Annual MD&A, which is incorporated by reference herein.

A reference herein to a material adverse effect on the Company means such an effect on the Company or its operations, business, financial condition, results of operations and/or cash flows, as the context requires.

# Risks Relating to our Operations and Commercial Operations

# The operation and maintenance of our facilities involves risks that may materially and adversely affect our business.

The revenue generated by our power generation facilities is dependent on the amount of electricity and availability of electricity generated by them. The ability of our power generation facilities to generate the amount of power expected is a primary determinant in the amount of revenues that will be received. A number of different factors could adversely affect the amount of power produced, and thus the revenues and cash available for dividends and distributions. These factors include equipment failure due to wear and tear, latent defect, design error, operator error, slow response to outages due to underperforming monitoring systems, changes in wind, solar or water flows, and vandalism or theft.

Unplanned outages or prolonged downtime for maintenance and repair typically increase operation and maintenance expenses and reduce revenues as a result of selling less electricity. Although our generation facilities have generally operated in accordance with expectations, there can be no assurance that they will continue to do so. To the extent that a facility's equipment requires longer than forecasted down-times for maintenance and repair, or suffers disruptions of power generation for other reasons, our business, operating results, financial condition or prospects could be adversely affected.

In particular, the replacement of all 50 turbine foundations at the Kent Hills 1 and 2 facilities could present material risks to the Company if the Company's subsidiary, Kent Hills Wind LP, is found to be in default of its PPAs with New Brunswick Power Corporation or an event of default is deemed to have arisen under the trust indenture governing the KH Bonds and the holders of such KH Bonds direct the Trustee to declare the principal and interest on the KH Bonds, together with any make-whole amount due thereunder, to be immediately due and payable and direct the Trustee to exercise rights against certain collateral.

There can be no assurance that our maintenance program will be able to detect potential failures in its facilities prior to occurrence or eliminate all adverse consequences in the event of failure. In addition, weather-related interference, work stoppages and other unforeseen problems may disrupt the operation and maintenance of the facilities and may materially and adversely affect the Company.

While we may maintain an inventory of, or otherwise make arrangements to obtain, spare parts to replace critical equipment and maintain insurance for property damage and business interruption to protect against certain operating risks, these protections may not be adequate to cover lost revenues or increased expenses and penalties that could result if our generation facilities are not operated at a level necessary to comply with sales contracts. Due to COVID-19, it is possible that the potential cross-border travel and transportation restrictions could impact the timely availability of services, parts and equipment.

# We may fail to meet financial expectations.

Our quarterly revenue and results of operations are difficult to predict and fluctuate from quarter to quarter. Our quarterly results of operations are influenced by a number of factors, including weather, unplanned maintenance and other risks described in this AIF, many of which are beyond our control and that may cause such results to fall below market expectations.

Although we base our planned operating expenses in part on the expectations of future revenue, a significant portion of our expenses are relatively fixed in the short term. If revenue for a particular quarter is lower than expected, we will likely be unable to proportionately reduce operating expenses for that quarter, which will adversely affect our operational results for that quarter.

# We are party to significant third-party contracts and the failure of such third parties to fulfil or renew their contractual obligations could have a material adverse effect on us.

We sell the majority of our power and, in some cases, environmental attributes such as renewable energy credits, to third parties under long-term PPAs. If, for any reason, any of the purchasers of power under such PPAs are unable or unwilling to fulfil their contractual obligations under the relevant PPA, refuse to accept delivery of power pursuant to the relevant PPA, or do not renew their contractual arrangements with us, our assets, liabilities, business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flow could be materially and adversely affected as we may not be able to replace the agreement with another agreement on equivalent terms and conditions. See the "Legal Proceedings and Regulatory Actions" sections in this AIF.

External events, such as a severe economic downturn or changes in governmental policies could impair the ability of some counterparties to the PPAs or some end-use customers to pay for electricity received. In addition, we have and will continue to enter into contracts with third parties for materials and equipment, which often require deposits to be made before equipment or other goods and services are delivered. Should one or more of these third parties be unable to meet their obligations under the contracts, such an occurrence could result in possible loss of revenue, delay in service and increase in operating costs. As a result of the economic impacts of COVID-19, the risk that certain of the Company's counterparties will be unable to satisfy their contractual obligations has increased.

# We could suffer lost revenues or increased expenses and penalties if we are unable to operate our generation facilities at a level necessary to comply with our PPAs.

The ability of our facilities to generate the maximum amount of power or steam that can be sold under our PPAs is an important determinant of our revenues. Under certain PPAs, if the facility delivers less than the required quantity of electricity or steam in a given contract year, we may be subject to penalty payments to the relevant purchaser. The payment of any such penalties could adversely affect our revenues, profitability, dividends and cash available for distributions.

We are subject to extensive government regulation, incentive mechanisms and supervision in a number of jurisdictions, which may impact our financial performance, limit our flexibility and, in the event of non-compliance, could result in adverse actions by regulatory authorities against us.

The market for our electricity generation is heavily influenced by Canadian, Australian and US government regulations and policies. These regulations and policies often relate to the encouragement of renewable energy development, electricity pricing and interconnection. See the "Business of TransAlta Renewables - Environmental Risk Management" section of this AIF.

Our inability to predict, influence or respond appropriately to changes in law or regulatory frameworks, including any inability to obtain expected or contracted increases in electricity tariff rates or tariff adjustments for increased expenses, could adversely impact our operational results. Furthermore, changes in laws, regulations or changes in the application or interpretation of regulatory provisions in jurisdictions where we operate (particularly where long-term tariffs or PPAs are subject to regulatory review or approval) could adversely affect our business. These include, but are not limited to: (a) changes in applicable PPA rates, including changes in the timing of PPA rate increases or decreases; (b) adverse changes in laws, regulations or policies or their interpretation; and (c) other changes related to licensing or permitting that affect our ability to conduct our business in an orderly fashion. Any of the foregoing events may result in lower revenues, higher costs and/or lower margins for the affected projects, which would adversely affect our operational results.

We hold permits and licenses from various regulatory authorities for the construction and operation of our facilities. These licenses and permits are critical to the operation of our business. The majority of these permits and licenses are long-term in nature, reflecting the anticipated useful life of the facilities. In some cases, these permits may need to be renewed before the end of the anticipated useful life of such facilities, and there is no guarantee that such renewals will be granted. These permits and licenses require compliance with the terms thereof. In addition, delays may occur in obtaining the necessary government approvals required for future power projects.

# Our business is subject to stringent environmental laws and regulations.

Our business activities are subject to stringent environmental laws and regulations promulgated and administered by federal, provincial, state and municipal governments where we operate. These laws and regulations generally concern air quality, use of water, wildlife, wetlands preservation, remediation of contamination, waste disposal requirements, preservation of archaeological artifacts, endangered species preservation and noise limitations, among others. Failure to comply with applicable environmental laws and regulations or to obtain or comply with any necessary environmental permits pursuant to such laws and regulations could result in fines or other sanctions being levied against us. Environmental laws and regulations affecting power generation and distribution are complex and have tended to become more stringent over time as regulators work to minimize the impacts of climate change. These laws and regulations have imposed, and proposed laws and regulations could impose in the future, additional costs on the operation of our facilities.

# Negative public or community response to wind, gas and hydroelectric facilities and energy infrastructure assets could adversely affect our projects.

Negative public or community response to wind, solar, gas and hydroelectric power facilities and/or energy infrastructure assets could adversely affect our ability to operate our facilities. This type of negative response could lead to legal, public relations and other challenges that impede our ability to meet our development and construction targets, achieve commercial operations for a facility on schedule or generate revenues. While public opposition is usually of greatest concern during the development stage of renewable assets, which is when the public has the ability to provide comments and appeal regulatory permits, continued opposition could have an impact on operations. An increase in opposition to our requests for permits or successful challenges or appeals to permits issued to us could materially adversely affect our plans. Legal requirements, changes in scientific knowledge and public complaints regarding issues such as noise generated by wind turbines could impact the operation of certain of our renewable assets in the future. In addition, there may be negative opinions on gas generation as climate change becomes a bigger concern for our stakeholders.

# Changes in general economic conditions may have a material adverse effect on us.

Adverse changes in general economic and market conditions could negatively impact demand for electricity, revenue, operating costs, timing and extent of capital expenditures, the net recoverable value of plant, property and equipment, results of financing efforts, credit risk and counterparty risk, which could cause us to suffer a material adverse effect.

# We depend on certain partners that may have interests or objectives that conflict with our own objectives and such differences could have a negative impact on our business.

We have entered into various types of arrangements with parties, joint venture parties and community stakeholders for the operation of our facilities. Certain of these stakeholders may have or develop interests or objectives that are different from or even in conflict with our own objectives. Any such differences could have a negative impact on the success of our facilities. We are sometimes required, through the permitting and approval process, to notify and consult with various stakeholder groups, including landowners, First Nations and municipalities. Any claim that such notification and consultation processes were not properly adhered to could result in a negative impact to our facilities or business.

# We may be unsuccessful in the advancement or defence of legal actions.

In the normal course of business, we may become party to legal actions. There can be no assurance that we will be successful in the advancement or defence of these claims and legal actions or that any claim or legal action that is decided adverse to us will not materially and adversely affect us. See the "Legal Proceedings and Regulatory Actions" section of this AIF.

# We may be exposed to regulatory risks associated with the price and assessment of environmental attributes.

Current market conditions may limit our ability to hedge sufficient volumes of our anticipated environmental attributes, leaving us exposed to the risk of falling prices for environmental attributes. Future prices for these attributes are also subject to the risk that regulatory changes will adversely affect prices.

# The reduction, elimination or expiration of government subsidies and economic incentives could adversely affect our prospects for growth.

We seek to take full advantage of government policies that promote renewable power generation and enhance the economic feasibility of renewable power projects. Renewable power generation sources currently benefit from various incentives in the form of feed-in tariffs, rebates, tax credits, renewable portfolio standards (a US government policy mechanism used to support the adoption of renewable power by setting a targeted percentage of a jurisdiction's total electricity procurement from renewable power) and other incentives throughout the markets in which we participate or intend to participate. The removal or phasing out of any such incentives could adversely affect our revenues as well as our prospects for growth as these incentives enhance the economic feasibility of developing and building renewable power projects.

#### Disruption of fuel supply to certain of our gas plants could have an adverse impact on our financial condition.

Many of our natural gas facilities depend on third parties to supply fuel. As a result, we face the risks of supply interruptions and fuel price volatility, as fuel deliveries may not exactly match those required for energy sales, due in part to our need to prepurchase fuel inventories for reliability and dispatch requirements. Disruption of transportation services of fuel, whether because of weather-related problems, strikes, lock-outs, break downs of locks and dams or other events, could impair our ability to generate electricity and could adversely affect our results of operations.

# Unexpected changes in the cost of maintenance or in the cost and durability of components for our facilities may adversely affect our results of operations.

Unexpected increases in our cost structure that are beyond our control could materially and adversely impact our financial performance. Examples of such costs include, but are not limited to: unexpected increases in the cost of procuring materials and services required for maintenance activities, and unexpected replacement or repair costs associated with equipment underperformance or lower than anticipated durability.

## The power generation industry has certain inherent risks related to worker health and safety and the environment that could cause us to suffer unanticipated expenditures or to incur fines, penalties or other consequences material to our business and operations.

The ownership and operation of our power generation assets carry an inherent risk of liability related to worker health and safety and the environment, including the risk of government-imposed orders to remedy unsafe conditions and/or to remediate or otherwise address environmental contamination, potential penalties for contravention of health, safety and environmental laws, licenses, permits and other approvals, and potential civil liability. Compliance with health, safety and environmental laws (and any future changes) and the requirements of licenses, permits and other approvals are expected to remain material to our business. The occurrence of any of these events or any changes, additions to or more rigorous enforcement of health, safety and environmental laws, licenses, permits or other approvals could have a significant impact on operations and/or result in additional material expenditures. As a consequence, no assurances can be given that additional environmental and workers' health and safety issues relating to presently known or unknown matters will not require unanticipated expenditures, or result in fines, penalties or other consequences (including changes to operations) material to our business and operations.

## The impact of COVID-19 could have an adverse impact on the Company's construction projects and the operation and maintenance of its assets.

The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the associated general economic downturn on the Company will largely depend on the overall severity and duration of such events, which cannot currently be predicted, and which present risks including, but not limited to: more restrictive directives of government and public health authorities; reduced labour availability impacting our ability to continue to staff the Company's operations and facilities; impacts on the Company's ability to realize its growth goals; decreases in short-term and/or long-term electricity demand and lower power pricing; increased costs resulting from the Company's efforts to mitigate the impact of COVID-19; deterioration of worldwide credit and financial markets that could limit the Company's ability to obtain external financing to fund its operations and growth expenditures; a higher rate of losses on accounts receivables due to credit defaults; further disruptions to the Company's supply chain; impairments and/or writedowns of assets; and adverse impacts on the Company's information technology systems and the Company's internal control systems as a result of the need to increase remote work arrangements, including increased cybersecurity threats.

Responses to the COVID-19 pandemic throughout North America have at times driven a reduction in demand for electricity as municipal, provincial and state authorities implemented social distancing policies and stay-at-home and/or "shelter-in-place" directives. In turn, this has put downward pressure on forward electricity prices. There is currently no certainty as to when the pandemic will be brought fully under control, but public expectations generally indicate that these impacts could continue well into 2022.

## Our facilities, construction projects and operations are exposed to the effects of natural disasters, public health crises and other catastrophic events beyond our control and such events could result in a material adverse effect.

Our facilities, construction projects and operations are exposed to potential interruption and damage, partial or full loss, resulting from environmental disasters (e.g., floods, high winds, fires, ice storms, earthquakes and public health crises, such as pandemics and epidemics), other seismic activity, equipment failures and the like. Climate change can increase the frequency and severity of these extreme weather events. There can be no assurance that in the event of an earthquake, hurricane, tornado, tsunami, typhoon, terrorist attack, act of war or other natural, man-made or technical catastrophe, all or some parts of our generation facilities and infrastructure systems will not be disrupted. The occurrence of a significant event that disrupts the ability of our power generation assets to produce or sell power for an extended period, including events that preclude existing customers under PPAs from purchasing electricity, could have a material negative impact on our business. Our generation assets could be exposed to the effects of severe weather conditions, natural and man-made disasters and other potential catastrophic events. The occurrence of such an event may not release us from performing our obligations pursuant to PPAs or other agreements with third parties. In addition, many of our generation facilities are located in remote areas, which makes access for repair of damage difficult.

#### Changes in statutory or contractual restrictions may have an adverse effect on our ability to service debt obligations.

We conduct a significant amount of business through subsidiaries and partnerships. Our ability to meet and service debt obligations is dependent upon the results of operations of our subsidiaries and the payment of funds by our subsidiaries in the form of distributions, loans, dividends or otherwise. In addition, our subsidiaries may be subject to statutory or contractual restrictions that limit their ability to distribute cash to us.

#### Our revenues may be reduced upon expiration or termination of PPAs.

We sell power under PPAs that expire at various times. Currently, our PPAs have a weighted average remaining term by capacity of approximately 11 years and the earliest scheduled termination is a contract that expires in 2024. In addition, these PPAs may be subject to termination in certain circumstances, including default by the facility or plant owner or operator. When a PPA expires or is terminated, it is possible that the price received by the relevant facility or plant for power under subsequent selling arrangements may be reduced significantly. In particular, within the next five years, the PPAs for each of the Sarnia cogeneration facility, McBride Lake wind facility and Pingston hydro facility will expire and there is no certainty that these PPAs can be renewed or that alternative PPAs can be entered into in respect of such facilities. Further, if a facility chooses to sell the power it produces on the open market upon expiry or termination of its PPA, the prices received will depend on market conditions at the time and there can be no assurance that the market price received for the electricity and any associated environmental attributes will exceed the facility's marginal cost of operation. Upon the expiry of PPAs, it is possible that the continued operation of the affected facility or plant may not be profitable. If this occurs, the affected facility or plant may be forced to permanently cease operations. Closure of one or more facilities or plants in which the Company has an interest could have a material adverse effect on our business.

#### Cyberattacks may cause disruptions to our operations and could have a material adverse effect on our business.

We rely on our information technology systems to process, transmit and store electronic information and data used for the safe operation of our assets. In today's ever-evolving cybersecurity threat landscape, any attacks or breaches of our network or information systems may cause disruptions to our business operations. Cyberattackers may use a range of techniques, from exploiting vulnerabilities within our user base (social engineering attacks) to using sophisticated malicious code on a single or distributed basis to try to breach our network security controls. Attackers may also use a combination of techniques in their attempt to evade safeguards such as firewalls, intrusion prevention systems and antivirus software that exist on our network infrastructure systems. A successful cyberattack may allow for the unauthorized interception, destruction, use or dissemination of our information and may cause disruptions to our business operations.

We continuously take measures to secure our infrastructure against potential cyberattacks that may damage our infrastructure, systems and data. Our cybersecurity program aligns with industry best practices to ensure that a holistic approach to security is maintained. We have implemented security controls to help secure our data and business operations, including access-control measures, intrusion detection and prevention systems, logging and monitoring of network activities, and implementing policies and procedures to ensure the secure operations of the business. We also purchased a cyber insurance policy and have established security awareness programs to help educate our users on cybersecurity risks and their responsibilities in helping protect the business.

While we have cyber insurance, as well as systems, policies, procedures, practices, hardware, software applications and data backups designed to prevent or limit the effect of security breaches of our generation facilities and infrastructure, there can be no assurance that these measures will be sufficient and that such security breaches will not occur or, if they do occur, that they will be adequately addressed in a timely manner. We closely monitor both preventive and detective measures to manage these risks.

## Our communications and monitoring technology and operating systems may experience interruptions or breaches in security that could subject us to increased operating costs and other liabilities.

We rely on technology, mainly on computer, telephone, satellite, cellular and related networks and infrastructure, to conduct business and monitor the production of our generation facilities. These systems and infrastructure could be vulnerable to unforeseen problems including, but not limited to, vandalism and theft. Our operations are dependent upon our ability to protect our information and operating technology against damage from fire, power loss, telecommunications failure or a similar catastrophic event. While we have dedicated resources for maintaining appropriate levels of cybersecurity and we use third-party technology to help protect us against security breaches and cyber incidents, our measures may not be effective and our information technology and infrastructure may be vulnerable to attacks by hackers or breached due to employee error, malfeasance or other disruptions. Any such security breaches and cyber incidents or other disruptions could jeopardize the security of information stored in and transmitted through our systems and network infrastructure, and could result in significant setbacks and potential liabilities and could deter future customers. Additionally, we must be able to protect our generation facility infrastructure against physical damage and service disruption from a variety of causes. Any damage or failure that causes an interruption in operations could have an adverse effect on our customers. While we have systems, policies, hardware, practices and procedures designed to prevent or limit the effect of failure or interruptions of our generation facilities and infrastructure, there can be no assurance that these measures will be sufficient and that any such failures or interruptions will not occur or, if they do occur, that they will be adequately addressed in a timely manner.

#### We are not able to insure against all potential risks and may become subject to higher insurance premiums.

Our business is exposed to the risks inherent in the construction and operation of electricity generation facilities, such as breakdowns, manufacturing defects, natural disasters, theft, terrorist and cyberattacks and sabotage. We are also exposed to environmental risks. We maintain insurance policies, covering usual and customary risks associated with our business, with creditworthy insurance carriers. Our insurance policies, however, do not cover losses as a result of force majeure, natural disasters, terrorist attacks, cyberattacks or sabotage, among other things. In addition, we generally do not maintain insurance for certain environmental risks, such as environmental contamination. Our insurance policies are subject to annual review by the respective insurers and may not be renewed at all or on similar or favourable terms. A significant uninsured loss or a loss significantly exceeding the limits of our insurance policies or the failure to renew such insurance policies on similar or favourable terms could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

## Our facilities rely on national and regional transmission systems and related facilities that are owned and operated by third parties and have both regulatory and physical constraints that could impede access to electricity markets.

Our power generation facilities depend on electric transmission systems and related facilities owned and operated primarily by third parties to deliver the electricity we generate to delivery points where ownership changes and we are paid. These grids operate with both regulatory and physical constraints that in certain circumstances may impede access to electricity markets. There may be instances in system emergencies in which our power generation facilities are physically disconnected from the power grid, or their production curtailed, for short periods of time. Most of our electricity sales contracts do not provide for payments to be made if electricity is not delivered.

Our power generation facilities may also be subject to changes in regulations governing the cost and characteristics of the use of the transmission and distribution systems to which our power generation facilities are connected. Our power generation facilities in the future may not be able to secure access to interconnection or transmission capacity at reasonable prices, in a timely fashion or at all, which could then cause delays and additional costs in attempting to negotiate or renegotiate PPAs or to construct new projects. In addition, we may not benefit from preferential arrangements in the future. Any such increased costs and delays could delay the commercial operation dates of our new projects and negatively impact our revenues and financial condition.

## Dam and dyke failures may result in lost generating capacity, increased maintenance and repair costs and other liabilities.

A natural or man-made disaster, and certain other events, could potentially cause dam failures that could impact our hydroelectric facilities, and result in a loss of generating capacity, damage to the environment or damage and harm to third parties or the public. Such failures could require us to incur significant expenditures of capital and other resources, or expose us to significant liabilities for damages. There can be no assurance that our dam safety program will be able to detect potential dam failures prior to occurrence or eliminate all adverse consequences in the event of failure. Other safety regulations could change from time to time, potentially impacting our costs and operations. The consequences of dam failures could have a material adverse effect on us. We attempt to manage this risk by following preventive maintenance procedures and obtaining insurance coverage; however, in the event of a sufficiently large dam failure, insurance coverage, if available, may not be adequate and we may suffer a material adverse effect.

#### A significant increase in water rental costs could result in a material adverse effect.

We are required to make rental payments for water rights. Significant increases in water rental costs in the future or changes in the way that governmental authorities in the jurisdictions in which our hydroelectric assets are located regulate water supply could have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results, financial condition or prospects.

#### We may be adversely affected if our supply of water is materially reduced.

Hydroelectric power generation facilities require continuous water flow for their operation. Shifts in weather or climate patterns, seasonal precipitation, the timing and rate of melting, run-off and other factors beyond our control may reduce the water flow to our facilities. Any material reduction in the water flow to our facilities would limit our ability to produce and market electricity from these facilities and could have a material adverse effect on us. There is an increasing level of regulation respecting the use, treatment and discharge of water, and respecting the licensing of water rights in jurisdictions where we operate. Any such change in regulations could have a material adverse effect on us.

#### Climate change and variations in weather can affect demand for electricity and our ability to generate electricity.

Given that wind is naturally variable, the level of electricity production from our wind facilities is also variable. In addition, the strength and consistency of the wind resource at our wind facilities may vary from what we anticipate due to a number of factors including: the extent to which site-specific historic wind data and wind forecasts accurately reflect actual long-term wind speeds, strength and consistency; the potential impact of climatic factors; the accuracy of assumptions relating to, among other things, weather, icing and soiling of wind turbines, site access, wake and line losses and wind shear; the potential impact of topographical variations; and the potential for electricity losses to occur before delivery. A reduced amount of wind at the location of one or more of our wind facilities over an extended period may reduce the production from such facilities, as well as any environmental attributes that accrue, and reduce our revenues and profitability.

Due to the nature of our business, our earnings are sensitive to weather variations from period to period. Variations in winter weather affect the demand for electrical heating requirements. Variations in summer weather affect the demand for electrical cooling requirements. These variations in demand translate into spot market price volatility. Variations in precipitation also affect water supplies, which in turn affect our hydroelectric assets. Also, variations in sunlight conditions can affect energy production levels from our solar facilities. Variations in weather may be impacted by climate change resulting in sustained higher temperatures and rising sea levels, which could have an impact on our generating assets.

Ice can accumulate on wind turbine blades in the winter months. The accumulation of ice on wind turbine blades depends on a number of factors, including temperature, ambient humidity and wind. The accumulation of ice on wind turbine blades can have a significant impact on energy yields, and could result in the wind turbine experiencing more downtime and potentially reducing the life expectancy of the wind turbine and revenue. Extreme cold temperatures can also impact the ability for wind turbines to operate effectively and this could result in wind turbines experiencing more downtime and reduced production. We employ mitigation strategies to reduce the impact of icing events that include proactively shutting down turbines when an icing event is detected.

#### Risks Related to the Growth of our Business

Our growth strategy is focused on acquiring and developing highly contracted, high-quality renewable and natural gas-fired generation facilities and other infrastructure assets. We may face significant competition for the acquisition or development of high-quality renewable and natural gas-fired projects and may not successfully complete and integrate our growth initiatives.

Our growth strategy is to acquire or develop highly contracted, high-quality renewable and natural gas-fired generation facilities and other infrastructure assets that generate stable cash flows, with the objective of achieving returns on invested capital. However, there is no certainty that we will be successful in pursuing this strategy. There can be no assurance that we will be able to identify and secure attractive acquisition or development candidates in the future (whether through our relationship with TransAlta or otherwise), that we will be able to realize growth opportunities that increase or maintain the amount of cash available for distribution, or that we will successfully integrate growth projects into our existing operations. We believe we will face significant competition for growth opportunities and, to the extent that any opportunities are identified, we may be unable to effect such growth opportunities due to a lack of necessary capital resources.

We compete with other renewable power companies, including utilities, independent power producers, private equity developers, international conglomerates and traditional energy companies, which may have greater financial and other resources for new business. We compete with other renewable power companies primarily for growth opportunities for access to transmission or distribution networks. We also compete with other power companies for the limited pool of personnel with requisite industry knowledge and experience. Any failures to successfully prevail in such competition will negatively affect our long-term growth prospects.

Any growth opportunity could involve potential risks, including an increase in indebtedness, the inability to successfully integrate operations, the inability to retain or secure PPAs and feed-in tariff rates, the potential disruption of our ongoing business, the diversion of management's attention from other business concerns and the possibility that we will incur more costs than originally anticipated or, in the case of acquisitions, pay more than the acquired company or interest is worth relative to its intrinsic value. There may also be liabilities that we failed to discover, or are unable to discover, in our due diligence prior to the consummation of the growth opportunity, and we may not be indemnified for some or all of these liabilities. In addition, our funding requirements associated with the growth opportunity, including any acquisition, development or integration costs, may reduce the funds available to pay dividends.

## We are dependent on access to parts and equipment from certain key suppliers and we may be adversely affected if these relationships are not maintained.

Our ability to compete and expand will be dependent on having access, at a reasonable cost, to equipment, parts and components that are technologically and economically competitive with those used by our competitors. Although we have individual framework agreements with various suppliers, there can be no assurance that these relationships with suppliers will be maintained. If they are not maintained, our ability to compete may be impaired due to lack of access to these sources of equipment, parts or components.

#### Risks relating to growth projects and acquisitions may materially adversely affect us.

Growth projects and acquisitions that we undertake may be subject to execution and capital cost risks, including, but not limited to, cost escalations, construction delays, shortages of raw materials, supply chain constraints, or skilled labour and capital constraints. The occurrences of these risks could have a material and adverse impact on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

Expansion of our business through growth projects and acquisitions may place increased demands on management, operating systems, internal controls and financial and physical resources. In addition, the process of integrating acquired businesses or growth projects may involve unforeseen difficulties. Failure to successfully manage or integrate any acquired businesses or growth projects could have a material adverse impact on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows. Further, we cannot make assurances that we will be successful in integrating any acquisition or that the commercial opportunities or operational synergies of any acquisition will be realized as expected.

With respect to acquisitions, we cannot make assurances that we will identify and secure suitable transactions or that we will have access to sufficient resources, through the capital markets or otherwise, to pursue and complete any identified acquisition opportunities on a timely basis and at a reasonable cost. Any acquisition that we propose or complete would be subject to normal commercial risks that the transaction may not be completed on the terms negotiated, on time, or at all. An unavoidable level of risk remains regarding potential undisclosed or unknown liabilities relating to any acquisition. The existence of such unknown liabilities may have a material adverse impact on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

## We may pursue growth opportunities in new markets that are subject to foreign laws or regulation that are more onerous than the laws and regulations to which we are currently subject.

We may pursue growth opportunities in new markets that are subject to regulation by various foreign governments and regulatory authorities and to the application of foreign laws. Such foreign laws or regulations may not provide for the same type of legal certainty and rights, in connection with our contractual relationships in such countries, as are afforded to us currently, which may adversely affect our ability to receive revenues or enforce our rights in connection with our foreign operations. In addition, the laws and regulations of some countries may limit our ability to hold a majority interest in certain growth projects, thus limiting our ability to control the operation of such projects. Any existing or new operations may also be subject to significant political, economic and financial risks, which vary by country, and may include: (a) changes in government policies or personnel; (b) changes in general economic conditions; (c) restrictions on currency transfer or convertibility; (d) changes in labour relations; (e) political instability and civil unrest; (f) regulatory or other changes in the local electricity market; and (g) breach or repudiation of important contractual undertakings by governmental entities and expropriation and confiscation of assets and facilities for less than fair market value.

#### Risks Relating to our Relationship with TransAlta

TransAlta exercises substantial influence over us and we are highly dependent on TransAlta as our manager. TransAlta is not necessarily required to act in our best interest or the best interest of our shareholders, and the liability of TransAlta is limited in certain respects.

TransAlta is our largest shareholder and is also responsible for the management and operation of our business. In addition, TransAlta is able to nominate directors to the Board and we rely on TransAlta to identify and secure acquisition and growth opportunities. As a result, TransAlta is able to exercise substantial influence over our operations, administration and growth strategy. We depend on the management, operations and administration services provided by or under the direction of TransAlta under the Management and Operational Services Agreement. TransAlta personnel and support staff that provide services to us are not required to have as their primary responsibility our management and administration or to act exclusively for us. Even if we are not satisfied with the manner in which TransAlta performs its services under the Management and Operational Services Agreement, we are not entitled to replace TransAlta as manager prior to the expiry of the initial 20-year term, unless: (a) the Agreement is terminated by the written agreement of TransAlta and us or (b) TransAlta beneficially owns directly or indirectly less than 10 per cent of the issued and outstanding Common Shares and the Management and Operational Services Agreement has been terminated. Under the terms of the Governance and Cooperation Agreement, TransAlta is not required to allocate any minimum level of dedicated resources for the pursuit of renewable power generation opportunities for us, nor is TransAlta required to offer any specific opportunities to us. Any failure to effectively manage our operations or to

implement our growth strategy could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

The Management and Operational Services Agreement and the Governance and Cooperation Agreement with TransAlta do not impose any duty on TransAlta to act in our best interest, and TransAlta is not prohibited from engaging in other business activities that may compete with our business. Additionally, although TransAlta and its affiliates will have access to material confidential information relating to the Company and will be subject to confidentiality obligations in respect thereof, the Management and Operational Services Agreement does not contain general confidentiality provisions. See the "Employee and Governance Matters" section of this AIF.

#### We may not recognize anticipated benefits from our relationship with TransAlta.

Our relationship with TransAlta is expected to be a critical factor in the growth and success of our business. There are no assurances that we will be able to maintain our relationship with TransAlta or realize the benefits it anticipates from our relationship with TransAlta. If we are unable to successfully execute on this strategic relationship, our overall growth could be impaired and our operational and financial performance could be lower than expected.

#### The departure of some or all of TransAlta's key employees could prevent us from achieving our objectives.

We depend on the diligence, skill and business contacts of TransAlta's employees and the information and opportunities they generate during the normal course of their activities. TransAlta has experienced departures of key employees in the past and this could also occur in the future and we cannot predict the impact that any such departures will have on our ability to achieve our objectives. The departure of a significant number of TransAlta's key employees for any reason, or the failure to appoint qualified or effective successors in the event of such departures, could have a material adverse effect on our ability to achieve our objectives. The Governance and Cooperation Agreement and Management and Operational Services Agreement do not require TransAlta to maintain the employment of any of its employees or to cause any particular employees to provide services to us.

#### The role and ownership of TransAlta may change, which could create uncertainty for us.

The arrangement between TransAlta and us does not require TransAlta to maintain any ownership level in the Company. Accordingly, TransAlta may transfer its interest in the Company to a third party, including in a merger or consolidation or in a transfer of all or substantially all of its assets, without the consent of our shareholders. We cannot predict with any certainty the effect that any such transfer would have on the trading price of the Common Shares or our ability to raise capital or make investments in the future. As a result, the future of the Company would be uncertain and our business, financial condition and results of operations may suffer.

## The interests of TransAlta and our management structure may create significant conflicts of interest that may not be resolved in a manner that is in our best interests or the best interests of our public shareholders.

Our ownership and management structure involves a number of relationships that may give rise to conflicts of interest between us and our public shareholders, on the one hand, and TransAlta, on the other hand. In certain instances, the interests of TransAlta may differ from the interests of the Company and our public shareholders, including with respect to the types of acquisitions made, the timing and amount of distributions by the Company, the reinvestment of returns generated by operations, the use of leverage when making acquisitions and the appointment of outside advisors and service providers. See the "Material Contracts" section of this AIF.

The liability of TransAlta is limited under the Management and Operational Services Agreement and we have agreed to indemnify TransAlta against claims that they may face in connection with providing services to us, which may lead them to assume greater risks when making decisions relating to the Company than it otherwise would if acting solely for its own account.

Under the Management and Operational Services Agreement, TransAlta has not assumed any responsibility other than to provide or arrange for the provision of the services described in the Management and Operational Services Agreement in good faith and will not be responsible for any action that we take in following or declining to follow its advice or recommendations. In addition, under the Management and Operational Services Agreement, the liability of TransAlta is limited to the fullest extent permitted by law to conduct involving bad faith, fraud or willful misconduct or, in the case of a criminal matter, actions that were known to have been unlawful, except that TransAlta is liable for liabilities arising from gross negligence. In addition, we have agreed to indemnify TransAlta to the fullest extent permitted by law from and against any claims, liabilities, losses, damages, costs or expenses incurred by an indemnified person or threatened in connection with our operations, investments and activities or in respect of or arising from the Management and Operational Services Agreement or the services provided by TransAlta, except to the extent that the claims, liabilities, losses, damages, costs or expenses are determined to have resulted from the conduct in respect of which such persons have liability as described above. These protections may result in TransAlta tolerating greater risks when making decisions than otherwise would be the case, including determining when to use leverage in connection with acquisitions. The indemnification arrangements to which TransAlta will be a party may also give rise to legal claims for indemnification that would be adverse to us and our shareholders.

#### **Risks Relating to Accounting and Finance Activities**

#### We may be unable to finance our business or the growth of our business.

Recovery of the capital investment in power projects generally occurs over a long period of time. As a result, we must obtain funds from equity or debt financings, including tax equity transactions, or from government grants, to help finance the projects. Our ability to arrange financing, either at the corporate level or at the subsidiary level (including non-recourse project debt) and the costs of such capital are dependent on numerous factors, including: (a) general economic and capital market conditions; (b) credit availability from banks and other financial institutions; (c) investor confidence in the Company and specific asset, and the markets in which we conduct operations; (d) asset-specific characteristics; (e) our financial performance and the financial performance of our subsidiaries; (f) our level of indebtedness and compliance with covenants in our debt agreements; and (g) our cash flow.

An increase in interest rates or a reduction in the availability of project debt financing or tax equity financing could reduce the number of renewable and natural gas power projects that we are able to finance. Although most of our borrowings have fixed-rate interest payments, an increase in interest rates could lower our return on investment. We may not be able to obtain needed funds on terms acceptable to us, or at all for these or other reasons. If we are unable to raise additional funds when needed, we could be required to delay the acquisition and construction of projects, reduce the scope of projects, abandon or sell some or all of our projects or generation facilities, or default on our contractual commitments in the future, any of which could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

#### We may be unable to refinance existing indebtedness on terms comparable to existing terms, if at all.

We may be required to refinance certain indebtedness as it becomes due from time to time. There are no guarantees that we will be able to obtain financing to repay the principal amount of such indebtedness and, if it does, that such financing will be available on terms comparable to existing terms or that are acceptable to us. If we do obtain new indebtedness at materially higher interest rates or on more punitive principal repayment terms than the terms of our existing debt, it is likely to have a negative effect on our financial results and cash available for distribution.

#### We may be subject to foreign exchange risk.

We may be exposed to changes in the Canadian dollar in relation to foreign-currency-denominated equipment purchases or in relation to investments in foreign assets. As an example, we have exposure to US currency as a result of our economic interests in the Wyoming, Lakeswind, Mass Solar, Big Level and Antrim, Skookumchuck wind, Ada and North Carolina Solar assets and exposure to Australian currency as a result of our economic interest in the Australian Assets. Changes in the values of these currencies relative to the Canadian dollar could negatively impact our cash flows or the value of our foreign investments. While we attempt to manage this risk by using hedging instruments and by matching revenues and expenses by currency at the corporate level, there can be no assurance that these risk management efforts can be done on a cost-effective basis or will be effective, and fluctuations in these exchange rates may have an effect on our business.

#### If our project assets become impaired, significant charges to earnings may be required.

We may be required to record charges to earnings if project assets become impaired. Such a charge might have a significant impact on our financial position and results of operations. We will review project assets for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable.

#### Provisions for income taxes may not be sufficient.

Our operations are complex, and the computation of the provision for income taxes involves tax interpretations, regulations and legislation that are continually changing. In addition, our tax filings are subject to audit by taxation authorities. While we believe that our tax filings have been made in material compliance with all applicable tax interpretations, regulations and legislation, we cannot guarantee that we will not have disagreements with taxation authorities with respect to our tax filings that could have a material adverse effect on our business.

The Company and its subsidiaries are subject to changing laws, treaties and regulations in and between countries. Various tax proposals in the countries we operate in could result in changes to the basis on which deferred taxes are calculated or could result in changes to income or non-income tax expense. There has recently been an increased focus on issues related to the taxation of multinational corporations. A change in tax laws, treaties or regulations, or in the interpretation thereof, could result in a materially higher income or non-income tax expense, which could have a material adverse impact on the Company.

#### We are subject to uncertainties regarding when the Company will become cash taxable.

The anticipated cash tax horizon of the Company is subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause the Company's cash tax horizon to occur sooner than our current projection of approximately two years on owned assets. In particular, our anticipated cash tax horizon is subject to risks pertaining to changes in our operations, asset base, corporate structure or changes to tax legislation, regulations or interpretations, and our growth. In the event we become cash taxable sooner than projected or we are unable to lengthen the cash tax horizon through the acquisition and development of additional growth projects and related tax pools, our cash available for distribution and our dividend could decrease, which could in turn have a material adverse impact on the value of our Common Shares.

#### $Risks\ Related\ to\ the\ Common\ Shares\ and\ Tracking\ Preferred\ Shares$

#### The market price for the common shares may be volatile.

The market price for our Common Shares may be volatile and subject to wide fluctuations in response to numerous factors, many of which are beyond our control, including the following: (a) actual or anticipated fluctuations in our and/ or TransAlta's results of operations; (b) recommendations by securities research analysts; (c) changes in the economic performance or market valuations of other companies that investors deem comparable to us (including TransAlta); (d) the loss or resignation of executive officers and other key personnel of TransAlta and/or the Company; (e) sales or perceived sales of additional Common Shares; (f) significant acquisitions or business combinations, strategic partnerships, joint ventures or capital commitments by or involving us or our competitors that prove to be ill considered; and (g) trends, concerns, technological or competitive developments, regulatory changes and other related issues in the renewable power generation industry or our target markets.

Financial markets have experienced significant price and volume fluctuations in recent years that have particularly affected the market prices of equity securities of companies and such fluctuations have, in many cases, been unrelated to the operating performance, underlying asset values or prospects of such companies. Accordingly, the market price of the Common Shares may decline even if our operating results, underlying asset values or prospects have not changed. Additionally, these factors, as well as other related factors, may cause decreases in asset values that may result in impairment losses. Certain institutional investors may base their investment decisions on consideration of our environmental, governance and social practices and performance against such institutions' respective investment guidelines and criteria, and failure to meet such criteria may result in a limited or no investment in the Common Shares by those institutions, which could adversely affect the trading price of the Common Shares.

#### Our cash dividend payments are not guaranteed.

The payment of dividends is not guaranteed and could fluctuate with our performance. The Board has the discretion to determine the amount of dividends to be declared and paid to shareholders. The Board considers at least quarterly the amount of dividends to be declared and in determining the payment and level of dividends, the Board considers our financial performance, our results of operations, cash flow and needs, with respect to financing our ongoing operations and growth, balanced against returning capital to shareholders. We may alter the dividend at any time and the payment of dividends will depend on, among other things, ability to realize future growth; amount of cash taxes; ability to recontract PPAs when they expire, merchant power prices if a PPA is not renewed or re-contracted; price for environmental attributes; results of operations; financial condition; current and expected future levels of earnings and operating cash flow; liquidity requirements; market opportunities; income taxes; maintenance and growth capital expenditures; debt repayments; legal, regulatory and contractual constraints; working capital requirements; tax laws and other relevant factors. Our short- and long-term borrowings may prohibit us from paying dividends at any time, at which a default or event of default would exist under such debt, or if a default or event of default would exist as a result of paying the dividend. In particular, the Company's ability to lower its current payout ratio to within its targeted range will depend on a number of factors, including the return to service of the Kent Hills 1 and 2 wind facilities and the execution of additional growth opportunities.

Over time, our capital and other cash needs may change significantly from our current needs, which could affect whether we pay dividends and the amount of any dividends we may pay in the future, which includes capital costs expected to arise in respect of the Kent Hills remediation. If we continue to pay dividends at the current level, we may not retain a sufficient amount of cash to finance growth opportunities, meet any large unanticipated liquidity requirements or fund our operations in the event of a significant business downturn. The Board, subject to the requirements of our bylaws and other governance documents, may amend, revoke or suspend our dividend at any time. A decline in the market price or liquidity, or both, of the Common Shares could result if the Board establishes large reserves that reduce the amount of monthly dividends paid or if we reduce or eliminate the payment of dividends, which could result in losses to shareholders.

We are dependent on the operations of our facilities for our cash availability. The actual amount of cash available for dividends to holders of Common Shares will depend on numerous factors relating to each of our generation facilities including: the strength and consistency of the wind resources at the wind power facilities of the Company, the term of the applicable PPA (including any expiries thereof), the availability of water flows in respect of the hydroelectric facilities, the amount of sunlight at our solar facilities, operating performance of our generation facilities, profitability, changes in revenues, fluctuations in working capital, capital expenditure levels, applicable laws, compliance with contracts and contractual restrictions contained in the instruments governing any indebtedness. Any reduction in the amount of cash available for distribution from our generation facilities will reduce the amount of cash available for us to pay dividends to holders of Common Shares.

#### The common share price could decline due to the potential for share issuances for other purposes.

The Board may issue an unlimited number of Common Shares without any vote or action by our shareholders, subject to the rules of the TSX or any other stock exchange on which our securities may be listed from time to time. We may make future acquisitions or enter into financings or other transactions involving the issuance of securities. If we issue any additional equity, the percentage ownership of existing shareholders will be reduced and diluted and the price of the Common Shares could decline.

#### TransAlta's rights under the Investor Liquidity Agreement could negatively impact our share price if exercised.

TransAlta holds, directly and indirectly, approximately 60 per cent of our issued and outstanding Common Shares. The Investor Liquidity Agreement provides for Demand Registration rights in favour of TransAlta that enables TransAlta to require us to qualify by prospectus or register, as applicable, all or a portion of the Common Shares held, directly and indirectly, by TransAlta for a distribution to the public in Canada. The Investor Liquidity Agreement also provides TransAlta with incidental, or piggy-back, qualification rights. Where we propose to make a distribution, for our own account or for the account of any other holder of our securities, TransAlta will have the right to include a specified number of its Common Shares in the distribution, subject to certain limitations. Sales of Common Shares owned, directly and indirectly, by TransAlta through the Investor Liquidity Agreement or otherwise could exert downwards pressure on the trading price of the Common Shares and could impair the future ability of the Company to raise capital through the sale of our equity securities. See the "Employee and Governance Matters - Investor Liquidity Agreement" section of this AIF.

## Dependence on financial performance of the Wyoming wind facility, Lakeswind wind facility, Mass Solar facility, Big Level wind facility, Antrim wind facility, Skookumchuck wind facility, Ada cogeneration facility, North Carolina Solar facilities and the Australian Assets.

The value of the Common Shares depends, in large part, on the financial performance and profitability of the Wyoming wind facility, Lakeswind wind facility, Mass Solar facility, Big Level wind facility, Antrim wind facility, Skookumchuck wind facility, Ada cogeneration facility, North Carolina Solar facilities and the Australian Assets. Any decline in the financial performance of the assets in which we own an economic interest or adverse change in such other factors could have an adverse effect on us and the value and market price of the Common Shares. In addition, the Wyoming wind facility, Lakeswind wind facility, Mass Solar facility, Big Level wind facility, Antrim wind facility, Skookumchuck wind facility, Ada cogeneration facility, North Carolina Solar facilities and the Australian Assets are potentially subject to the liabilities attributed to TransAlta, even if those liabilities arise from lawsuits, contracts or indebtedness that do not relate or are otherwise attributed to us. As a result, the price of the Common Shares may not reflect our performance alone and may reflect the performance or financial condition of TransAlta as a whole.

#### Nature of economic interests in our assets may adversely impact our business performance and/or results.

TransAlta, directly and indirectly through TA Power, TA Energy and TEC, retains legal title to the Wyoming wind facility. Lakeswind wind facility, Mass Solar facility, Big Level wind facility, Antrim wind facility, Skookumchuck wind facility, Ada cogeneration facility, North Carolina Solar facilities and the Australian Assets. Except as specifically provided for in the Australia Investment Agreements and the terms of the Wyoming Wind Tracking Preferred Shares, the Lakeswind Tracking Preferred Shares, the Mass Solar Tracking Preferred Shares, the Big Level and Antrim Tracking Preferred Shares, the Skookumchuck Tracking Preferred Shares, the Ada Tracking Preferred Shares, the North Carolina Solar Tracking Preferred Shares and the Australian Tracking Preferred Shares, we have no legal rights in respect of the assets. Rather, we own Wyoming Wind Tracking Preferred Shares, Lakeswind Tracking Preferred Shares, Mass Solar Tracking Preferred Shares, Big Level and Antrim Tracking Preferred Shares, Skookumchuck Tracking Preferred Shares, Ada Tracking Preferred Shares, the North Carolina Solar Tracking Preferred Shares and Australian Tracking Preferred Shares that provide an economic interest in and based on the cash flows from the assets broadly equal to the underlying net distributable profits of TEA, the Wyoming wind facility, the Lakeswind wind facility, the Mass Solar facility, the Big Level wind facility, the Antrim wind facility, the Skookumchuck wind facility, the Ada cogeneration facility, the North Carolina Solar facilities and the Australian Assets. This means that we are not able to dispose of the Wyoming wind facility, Lakeswind wind facility, Mass Solar facility, Big Level wind facility, Antrim wind facility, Skookumchuck wind facility, the Ada cogeneration facility, the North Carolina Solar facilities or the Australian Assets or exercise other rights of ownership in respect of the assets, nor do we have any ability to directly oversee or manage the ownership and operation of the assets. Consequently, our rights in relation to the assets in which we hold an economic interest may be of less value to us compared to the value of direct ownership of the assets.

In the event of a liquidation of TA Power or TA Energy, the Wyoming Wind Tracking Preferred Shares, the Lakeswind Tracking Preferred Shares, the Mass Solar Tracking Preferred Shares, the Big Level and Antrim Tracking Preferred Shares, the Skookumchuck Tracking Preferred Shares, the Ada Tracking Preferred Shares, the North Carolina Solar Tracking Preferred Shares and the Australian Tracking Preferred Shares will entitle us, as the sole holder, to an amount equal to the fair market value of the respective assets in accordance with the terms of the Wyoming Wind Tracking Preferred Shares, the Lakeswind Tracking Preferred Shares, the Mass Solar Tracking Preferred Shares, the Big Level and Antrim Tracking Preferred Shares, the Skookumchuck Tracking Preferred Shares, the Ada Tracking Preferred Shares, the North Carolina Solar Tracking Preferred Shares and the Australian Tracking Preferred Shares.

## There can be no certainty that there will be sufficient funds to satisfy the dividend payments on the Tracking Preferred Shares.

Holders of Wyoming Wind Tracking Preferred Shares, the Lakeswind Tracking Preferred Shares, the Mass Solar Tracking Preferred Shares, the Big Level and Antrim Tracking Preferred Shares, the Skookumchuck Tracking Preferred Shares, the Ada Tracking Preferred Shares, the North Carolina Solar Tracking Preferred Shares and Australian Tracking Preferred Shares are entitled to receive regular cash dividend payments in priority to the holders of the Common Shares. There can be no certainty that TA Energy and TA Power will have sufficient funds to satisfy the dividend payments in respect of the Wyoming Wind Tracking Preferred Shares, the Lakeswind Tracking Preferred Shares, the Mass Solar Tracking Preferred Shares, the Big Level and Antrim Tracking Preferred Shares, the Skookumchuck Tracking Preferred Shares, the Ada Tracking Preferred Shares, the North Carolina Solar Tracking Preferred Shares and the Australian Tracking Preferred Shares.

#### **Employee and Governance Matters**

The officers of TransAlta Renewables are: Todd Stack, President; Brent Ward, Chief Financial Officer; Aron Willis, Executive Vice-President, Growth; Gary Woods, Vice-President, Gas and Renewables; Scott Jeffers, Vice-President and Corporate Secretary; and Michelle Cameron, Vice-President and Corporate Controller. Management and administrative services are provided by TransAlta through the Management and Operational Services Agreement. See the "Employee and Governance Matters - Management and Operational Services Agreement" and "General Development of the Business - Three-Year History - 2021 and 2019 - Management and Board of Directors Changes" sections in this AIF. We do not have any direct employees.

The employees of TransAlta who provide general and administrative services to us pursuant to the Management and Operational Services Agreement are generally the same individuals who previously performed similar services for TransAlta when TransAlta owned the Initial Assets. Accordingly, we expect that we and TransAlta will achieve certain managerial, administrative and operational efficiencies, thereby reducing the overall costs associated with managing and operating the business of TransAlta Renewables. It is anticipated that TransAlta's knowledge and expertise in relation to our asset base will contribute to their effective operation and utilization. For 110 years, TransAlta has been a responsible operator and a proud member of the communities in which its employees work and live. TransAlta aligns its corporate goals with the UN Sustainable Development Goals and has been recognized by CDP (formerly Carbon Disclosure Project) as an industry leader on climate change management. TransAlta has also achieved the bronze-level certification in the Progressive Aboriginal Relations program by the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business.

#### **Management and Operational Services Agreement**

On Aug. 9, 2013, we entered into the Management and Operational Services Agreement with TransAlta pursuant to which TransAlta, on a sole and exclusive basis, provides us with all the general administrative services as may be required or advisable for the management of the affairs of the Company.

The management services provided by TransAlta under the Management and Operational Services Agreement include, but are not limited to: (a) ensuring that we comply with our continuous disclosure and other obligations under Canadian securities laws; (b) managing our financing, borrowing and investing activities; (c) developing, implementing and monitoring our strategic plan; (d) providing us with investor relations services, including the calling and holding of all meetings of our shareholders; (e) computing any dividends to our shareholders and overseeing the payment thereof; (f) undertaking all required acts and responsibilities in connection with the acquisition and disposition of our assets and property; (g) providing accounting and bookkeeping services, including for the preparation of our annual and interim financial statements and the preparation and filing of all tax returns; (h) providing information technology services and making available all information technology equipment as may be reasonably necessary; (i) managing any litigation and other legal services; (j) providing risk management services; (k) providing office space, equipment and personnel as may be reasonably necessary; (l) arranging for audit, legal and other third-party professional and non-professional services; and (m) generally providing all other services as may be necessary, or requested by us, for the management and administration of TransAlta Renewables.

The operational and maintenance services provided by TransAlta under the Management and Operational Services Agreement include, but are not limited to: (a) administering and causing us and each of our operating subsidiaries (the "Operating Entities") to perform and satisfy our and their obligations under all material contracts; (b) providing or securing operational, management and maintenance services; (c) providing procurement and logistical services; (d) providing engineering, technical and evaluation services; (e) providing environment, health and safety services; (f) ensuring proper training of personnel and the provision of necessary equipment and services; (g) obtaining and maintaining all permits, authorities and consents required for the conduct of business by the Operating Entities; and (h) generally providing all other services as may be necessary or requested for the operation and maintenance of the assets held by the Operating Entities.

Pursuant to the Management and Operational Services Agreement, TransAlta has agreed to: (a) perform all services under the Management and Operational Services Agreement in compliance with applicable laws; (b) observe or cause to be observed and performed on our behalf, in all material respects, all agreements from time to time entered into for and on our behalf; and (c) not commingle the funds of TransAlta Renewables with any party. In the exercise of its powers and authority under the Management and Operational Services Agreement, TransAlta is required to exercise the powers and discharge its duties thereunder honestly, in good faith and in the best interests of the Company, and in connection therewith, shall exercise that degree of care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent manager of a corporation in Canada, having responsibilities of a similar nature to those under the agreement, would exercise in comparable circumstances. TransAlta is prohibited from entering into or committing to any transaction which, in accordance with applicable laws, or pursuant to the requirements of any other written agreement between the Company and TransAlta or any of their respective subsidiaries or affiliates, requires the approval of our independent directors or the approval of our shareholders, unless such approval is first obtained.

TransAlta and its personnel are obligated to devote as much time as is reasonably necessary for the proper discharge of its services under the Management and Operational Services Agreement. We expressly consent in the Management and Operational Services Agreement to TransAlta and its affiliates (other than us) and their respective officers, directors and employees engaging in any business or activities whatsoever, including those that may be in competition or conflict with our business and/or our interests, provided that in the event of a material conflict between our interests and the interests of TransAlta, TransAlta is required to provide written notice to us setting forth particulars of such conflict and, thereafter, our independent directors shall be responsible to take all such actions and make all such decisions relating to such matter.

In connection with the services provided under the Management and Operational Services Agreement, we pay TransAlta the G&A Reimbursement Fee, which is meant to cover TransAlta's management, administrative, accounting, planning and other head office costs associated with providing services to us under the Management and Operational Services Agreement. The G&A Reimbursement Fee is reviewed periodically, and in any event no less than once every five years, to consider, in good faith, whether any adjustments to the G&A Reimbursement Fee are required to reflect changing economic circumstances, regulatory requirements and/or the additional or reduced, as the case may be, time, effort and expense in administering our asset base. On Feb. 28, 2020, the Management Agreement was amended so that the G&A Reimbursement Fee will be calculated quarterly in an amount equal to five per cent of adjusted EBITDA of the immediately prior fiscal quarter, without duplication for any indirect costs associated with the management, administrative, accounting, planning and other head office costs of TransAlta that reduce the dividends or distributions that would otherwise be payable to the Company on any of the tracking preferred shares. This amendment is not expected to result in any material change to the amount of the G&A Reimbursement Fee. In 2021, the amount of the G&A Reimbursement Fee was approximately \$16 million.

In addition to the G&A Reimbursement Fee, we also reimburse TransAlta for all out-of-pocket and third-party fees and costs, including salaries, wages and benefits associated with managing and operating the assets held by our Operating Entities not captured by the G&A Reimbursement Fee. We directly incur and are responsible for any costs associated with (a) insurance; (b) compensation for our independent directors; (c) direct engagement of third-party experts for assessing or valuing a growth opportunity; (d) third-party audit and legal fees; and (e) all other costs associated with being a publicly traded reporting issuer.

The reimbursement of expenses to TransAlta or its affiliates, including through the G&A Reimbursement Fee, is not intended to provide TransAlta or its affiliates with any financial gain or loss.

TransAlta, its affiliates and associates and each of their respective directors, officers and employees are not, either directly or indirectly, liable, answerable or accountable to TransAlta Renewables or any of our shareholders, for any loss or damage resulting from the performance or non-performance of management services (including any mistake or error of judgment), unless such loss or damage resulted from the fraud, willful default or gross negligence of such party.

Each of TransAlta Renewables and TransAlta, and their respective directors, officers and employees, are indemnified by the other party in certain circumstances arising under the Management and Operational Services Agreement.

The Management and Operational Services Agreement has an initial 20-year term, that is automatically renewed for further successive terms of five years after the expiry of the initial term or any renewal term, unless terminated by either party not less than 180 days prior to the expiration of the initial term or any renewal term, as the case may be. The Management and Operational Services Agreement may be terminated by: (a) mutual agreement; (b) TransAlta Renewables upon the occurrence of a material default by TransAlta; and (c) TransAlta (i) upon the occurrence of a material default by TransAlta Renewables or (ii) upon a "Change of Control" of TransAlta Renewables, being the acquisition by any person or group of persons acting jointly and in concert (other than TransAlta and its affiliates) of more than 50 per cent of the issued and outstanding Common Shares. In addition, the Management and Operational Services Agreement may be terminated by TransAlta Renewables by a majority vote of our independent directors at any time if TransAlta's direct and indirect ownership in the Company falls below 20 per cent.

#### **Governance and Cooperation Agreement**

On Aug. 9, 2013, we entered into the Governance and Cooperation Agreement with TransAlta. Pursuant to the Governance and Cooperation Agreement, we and TransAlta have agreed, among other things, that TransAlta will serve as the primary vehicle through which TransAlta Renewables and our affiliates acquire and/or develop renewable and natural gas power projects.

The Governance and Cooperation Agreement provides, among other things, that we will rely on TransAlta to: (a) identify acquisition and/or development opportunities for us (the "Opportunities"); (b) evaluate Opportunities for their suitability; (c) present Opportunities suitable for, and meeting, our strategic goals and objectives to the Board for assessment and approval; and (d) execute and complete any Opportunities approved by the Board. TransAlta and its affiliates are not required to allocate any minimum level of dedicated resources for the pursuit of renewable power generation opportunities nor is TransAlta or its affiliates required to offer any specific opportunities to us. Approval of any Opportunities involving a transfer of interests from TransAlta or its affiliates to us must be supported and approved by a majority of the independent directors of the Board.

The Board is currently made up of eight individuals, four of whom are independent (pursuant to NI 52-110) and all of whom are "financially literate" as defined in NI 52-110 (subject to available exemptions in NI 52-110). See the "Directors and Officers - Directors" section of this AIF. TransAlta is entitled to nominate a majority of the directors of TransAlta Renewables for so long as the percentage of outstanding Common Shares beneficially owned directly or indirectly by TransAlta is not less than 35 per cent of the issued and outstanding Common Shares. If the percentage of outstanding Common Shares beneficially owned directly or indirectly by TransAlta is less than 35 per cent but greater than or equal to 10 per cent, TransAlta is entitled to nominate its proportionate share of the directors of TransAlta Renewables (rounded up to the next whole number) based on the percentage of outstanding Common Shares beneficially owned directly or indirectly by TransAlta. Finally, irrespective of the percentage of outstanding Common Shares beneficially owned directly or indirectly by TransAlta, TransAlta will be entitled to nominate one director of TransAlta Renewables for so long as the Management and Operational Services Agreement is in effect. The nominees of TransAlta to the Board may be directors, officers or employees of TransAlta or its affiliates, or other persons, at TransAlta's discretion. Board nominees of TransAlta who are directors, officers or employees of TransAlta or its affiliates are not entitled to any compensation from TransAlta Renewables, except as described herein. Subject to any requirements of the CBCA, TransAlta is entitled to nominate for appointment or election to the Board a replacement director for any nominee director of TransAlta who ceases for any reason to be a director of the Board, provided TransAlta remains, at that time, entitled to appoint such director.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, we will indemnify all directors, officers, former directors and former officers of TransAlta Renewables, as applicable, and all persons who act or acted at our request as a director or officer, or an individual acting in a similar capacity, of another person, and their heirs and legal personal representatives, against all costs, charges and expenses, including any amount paid to settle any action or satisfy a judgment, reasonably incurred by them in respect of any civil, criminal, administrative, investigative or other proceeding in which the individual is involved because of that association with TransAlta Renewables or such other person if: (a) they acted honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of TransAlta Renewables or such other person, as the case may be; and (b) in the case of a criminal or administrative action or proceeding that is enforced by a monetary penalty, they had reasonable grounds for believing that their conduct was lawful.

Under the Governance and Cooperation Agreement, the Company has also provided TransAlta with certain preemptive rights to participate in future offerings of securities in the Company. Provided TransAlta beneficially owns directly or indirectly not less than 10 per cent of the issued and outstanding Common Shares and subject to limited exceptions, if TransAlta Renewables proposes to issue any Common Shares or other equity securities (the "Offered Securities"), or any option or other right to acquire Offered Securities or other securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for Offered Securities (the "Convertible Securities"), we will first offer TransAlta the opportunity to subscribe for and acquire that number of Offered Securities or Convertible Securities equal in amount to TransAlta's then outstanding proportionate interest in the Common Shares or any such lesser amount as TransAlta may elect to subscribe for at the subscription price as determined by the Board. If any of the Offered Securities or Convertible Securities are not subscribed for by TransAlta within the applicable periods provided for in the Governance and Cooperation Agreement, we may proceed to offer such unsubscribed Offered Securities or Convertible Securities within the period of 90 days after the expiration of such applicable period to any person, provided the price at which such Offered Securities or Convertible Securities are issued is not less than the subscription price offered to TransAlta and the terms of payment for such Offered Securities or Convertible Securities are not more favourable to such person than the terms of payment offered to TransAlta. The foregoing pre-emptive right will also apply to any debt securities or securities convertible into debt securities issued by us on the basis that TransAlta will be offered the right to subscribe for up to that percentage of the total aggregate principal amount of debt securities or number of securities convertible into debt securities to be issued equal to the percentage of outstanding Common Shares beneficially owned directly or indirectly by TransAlta.

The Governance and Cooperation Agreement also provides that, under the circumstances set forth in the Governance and Cooperation Agreement, we will provide TransAlta and TransAlta's Board of Directors with certain financial and other information and data with respect to TransAlta Renewables and its business, properties, financial positions, results of operations and prospects, as may reasonably be required by TransAlta to meet its reporting obligations. In addition, we are obligated to: (a) maintain effective disclosure controls and procedures and to comply with applicable securities laws in a manner substantially similar to TransAlta's internal practices; (b) provide financial reports to TransAlta in connection with each meeting of the board of directors of TransAlta and meeting of the audit committee of TransAlta; (c) prepare all financial information to be provided by us to TransAlta or filed with any securities regulatory authority, in accordance with the same accounting principles as applied by TransAlta; (d) consult with TransAlta as to the timing of any financial guidance in respect of TransAlta Renewables for a current or future period that we intend to publish or otherwise make public, and give TransAlta the opportunity to review that information relating to TransAlta Renewables and to comment thereon; and (e) co-operate fully, and use commercially reasonable efforts to cause the auditors of TransAlta Renewables to co-operate fully, with TransAlta, to the extent reasonably requested by TransAlta in the preparation of any filings made by TransAlta with any securities regulator pursuant to applicable securities laws.

The Governance and Cooperation Agreement will continue in force until the earlier: of (a) the date on which the Governance and Cooperation Agreement is terminated by the written agreement of TransAlta and TransAlta Renewables, or (b) the date on which (i) TransAlta beneficially owns directly or indirectly less than 10 per cent of the issued and outstanding Common Shares, and (ii) the Management and Operational Services Agreement has been terminated in accordance with its terms.

#### **Investor Liquidity Agreement**

On Aug. 9, 2013, we entered into the Investor Liquidity Agreement with TransAlta, which provides that TransAlta and any direct or indirect transferee of TransAlta who shall become party to the Investor Liquidity Agreement (each a "Holder") may, at any time and from time to time, make a written request to the Company to file a prospectus in any jurisdiction or jurisdictions of Canada in which we are at the relevant time a reporting issuer in respect of the distribution of all or part of the Common Shares then held by the Holder ("Registrable Securities"), subject to certain restrictions as discussed below (a "Demand Registration"). Upon receipt of a Demand Registration, we will be required to use our reasonable commercial efforts to file a prospectus in order to permit the offer and sale or other disposition or distribution in Canada of all or any portion of the Common Shares held, directly or indirectly, by the Holder. We may satisfy this obligation through the use of a shelf prospectus and applicable shelf prospectus supplement(s) and, in connection therewith, each Holder agrees to reasonably co-operate with us in connection with the filing of such shelf prospectus.

The Demand Registration rights are subject to certain limitations, including that: (a) other than in respect of a prospectus supplement, we will not be obligated to file a prospectus in respect of a Demand Registration within 75 days after the effective date of a previous Demand Registration; and (b) we will not be obligated to file a prospectus in respect of a Demand Registration unless the request is for a number of Registrable Securities with a market value that is equal to at least \$50 million as of the date of the request for Demand Registration. In the event that a majority of the independent members of the Board determine in good faith and acting reasonably that any Demand Registration should not be made or continued because it would materially adversely affect a pending or proposed material acquisition, merger, recapitalization, consolidation, reorganization or similar transaction, or negotiations, discussions or pending proposals with respect thereto, or would require the disclosure of material non-public information that, in the good faith judgement of a majority of the independent members of the Board would have a material adverse effect on the Company and our subsidiaries taken as a whole, or a material adverse effect on the Company or any of our significant subsidiaries (a "Valid Business Reason") then, (a) we will have the right to postpone the filing of a prospectus (or prospectus supplement, as applicable) until such Valid Business Reason no longer exists, provided that such postponement may not extend for a period of more than 90 days after receipt of the request for such Demand Registration and provided further that such right may not be exercised by us more than once in any 12-month period; (b) we may cause a prospectus (or prospectus supplement, as applicable) that has been filed pursuant to a Demand Registration request to be withdrawn, or a majority of the independent members of the Board, as applicable, may postpone amending or supplementing any previously filed prospectus pursuant to a Demand Registration request until such Valid Business Reason no longer exists, provided that such withdrawal or postponement may not extend for a period of more than 90 days, and provided further that such right may not be exercised by us more than once in any 12month period; and (c) we will give written notice of our determination to defer filing, postpone the amendment of or withdraw a prospectus (or prospectus supplement, as applicable) and of the fact that the Valid Business Reason for such deferral, postponement or withdrawal no longer exists, in each case, promptly after the occurrence thereof. If we defer the filing of a prospectus, or withdraw a filed prospectus, and if the Holder within 30 days after receipt of a notice of deferral or withdrawal from the Company advises us in writing that it has determined to withdraw such request for a Demand Registration, then such Demand Registration and the request will be deemed to be withdrawn and such request will be deemed not to have been given for purposes of determining whether such Holder has exercised its right to a Demand Registration permitted to such Holder.

If at any time we propose to file a preliminary prospectus with respect to the distribution of any Common Shares to the public, then we will, at that time, give prompt notice of the proposed distribution to each Holder, which notice will offer each Holder the opportunity to qualify for distribution such number of Registrable Securities as such Holder may request. We will use commercially reasonable efforts to include in such prospectus such Registrable Securities as the Holders may request (a "Piggy-Back Registration"), unless our underwriter or agent determines, acting reasonably, that including such Registrable Securities in the distribution would adversely affect the distribution by the Company.

In the case of a prospectus filed in connection with a Demand Registration, the Holder will pay all applicable fees and expenses incident to our performance of, or compliance with, the terms of the Demand Registration customarily paid by issuers or sellers of securities, excluding listing expenses of stock exchanges and the fees and disbursements of legal counsel for the Company, which will be paid by us. In the case of a Piggy-Back Registration or our participation in a Demand Registration, such fees and expenses will be allocated between the Holder(s), as applicable, and us in an equitable manner having regard to the proportion of the number of Common Shares sold by each relative to the total number of Common Shares sold pursuant to the prospectus.

All underwriting discounts and commissions, transfer taxes attributable to a sale of Registrable Securities, and any out-of-pocket expenses of the underwriters in connection with each prospectus filed in connection with a Demand Registration or Piggy-Back Registration, other than the fees and expenses described in the preceding paragraph, will be borne by the Holder(s), as applicable, and any other participating sellers (including the Company, if applicable) in proportion to the number of Common Shares sold by each relative to the total number of Common Shares sold pursuant to the prospectus.

The Investor Liquidity Agreement will continue in force until the earlier of the date on which: (a) there are no longer any outstanding Registrable Securities; (b) the Holders, collectively, beneficially own, directly or indirectly, 10 per cent or less of the issued and outstanding Common Shares; or (c) the Investor Liquidity Agreement is terminated by written agreement of all the persons who, at the time such agreement is terminated, are the holders of all Registrable Securities.

#### **Capital and Loan Structure**

#### General

Our authorized share capital consists of an unlimited number of Common Shares, an unlimited number of Class B Shares and an unlimited number of preferred shares, issuable in series ("Preferred Shares"). As at Feb. 23 2022, there were 266,863,741 Common Shares and no Class B Shares or Preferred Shares issued and outstanding.

#### **Common Shares**

Holders of Common Shares are entitled to one vote per common share at meetings of shareholders of the Company, except meetings at which only holders of another particular class or series shall have the right to vote. Holders of Common Shares are not entitled to vote separately as a class upon any proposal to amend the articles of the Company in the manner referred to in paragraphs (a), (b) or (e) of subsection 176(1) of the CBCA.

Subject to the rights of the Preferred Shares and any other shares of the Company ranking senior to the Common Shares with respect to the payment of dividends, holders of the Common Shares are entitled to receive dividends, exclusive of any other shares of the Company, if, as and when declared by the Board. Holders of the Common Shares are also entitled to share equally in any distribution of the assets of the Company upon liquidation, dissolution, bankruptcy or winding up of the Company or any other distribution of its assets among the shareholders of the Company for the purpose of winding up its affairs (such event referred to as a "Distribution"). Such participation is subject to the rights accorded to holders of the Preferred Shares and other shares of the Company ranking senior to the Common Shares with respect to payment on a Distribution. The Common Shares are not convertible into any other class of shares.

On May 31, 2018, the Board of Directors approved the implementation of a Dividend Reinvestment Plan ("DRIP") for Canadian holders of Common Shares. The price for Common Shares purchased under the DRIP was 98 per cent of the average market price of the Common Shares for the five trading days on which not less than 500 Common Shares were traded on the TSX immediately prior to the dividend payment date. Common Shares acquired under the DRIP were issued from the treasury of the Company. On Oct. 30, 2020, the Company suspended its DRIP.

#### **Class B Shares**

Holders of Class B Shares are entitled to receive notice of and to attend and vote at all meetings of shareholders of the Company (including meetings of holders of Common Shares), except meetings of holders of Preferred Shares. Each Class B Share is entitled to one vote. The Class B Shares are not entitled to dividends.

In the event of the voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company, or any other distribution of its assets among its shareholders for the purpose of winding up its affairs, holders of Class B Shares, subject to the preferences accorded to holders of Preferred Shares and any other shares of the Company ranking senior to the Class B Shares from time to time with respect to payment on a Distribution, will be entitled to share equally among holders of Class B Shares and Common Shares, share for share, in the remaining property of the Company. Currently, there are no Class B Shares issued and outstanding.

#### **Preferred Shares**

The Preferred Shares are issuable in series and have such rights, restrictions, conditions and limitations as the Board may from time to time determine. Holders of Preferred Shares are not entitled to vote separately as a series upon any proposal to amend the articles of the Company in the manner referred to in paragraphs (a), (b) or (e) of subsection 176(1) of the CBCA.

Subject to the rights of holders of any other shares of the Company ranking senior to the Preferred Shares with respect to the payment of dividends, holders of the Preferred Shares are entitled to receive payment of dividends, in priority to holders of the Common Shares and any other shares ranking junior to the Preferred Shares with respect to the payment of dividends. Holders of the Preferred Shares are entitled to be paid rateably with holders of each other series of Preferred Shares the amount of accumulated dividends, if any, specified as being payable preferentially to holders of such series. In the event of a Distribution, holders of each series of Preferred Shares are entitled, in priority to holders of Common Shares or any other shares of the Company ranking junior to the Preferred Shares with respect to payment on a Distribution, to be paid rateably with holders of each other series of Preferred Shares the amount, if any, specified as being payable preferentially to holders of such series on a Distribution. Currently, there are no Preferred Shares issued and outstanding.

#### Non-Recourse Debt

In February 2015, Pingston Power Inc., a jointly owned subsidiary of Canadian Hydro Developers, Inc. ("CHD"), issued bonds secured by their jointly owned Pingston facility. Pingston Power's share of gross proceeds was \$45 million. This debenture bears interest at 2.95 per cent per annum, with interest payable semi-annually and no principal repayments until maturity in May 2023.

In October 2015, Melancthon Wolfe Wind LP, a wholly owned subsidiary of CHD, issued a \$442 million bond that bears interest at 3.834 per cent with principal and interest payable semi-annually until maturity in December 2028. The bond is secured by a first-ranking charge over all the assets of Melancthon Wolfe Wind LP. The bonds have a rating of BBB+ from Dominion Bond Rating Service Limited ("DBRS"). As at Dec. 31, 2021, \$237 million of principal was outstanding.

In June 2016, New Richmond Wind LP, a wholly owned subsidiary of CHD, issued a \$159 million bond that bears interest at 3.963 per cent, with principal and interest payable semi-annually in blended payments until maturity on June 30, 2032. The bond is secured by a first-ranking charge over all the assets of New Richmond Wind LP. As at Dec. 31, 2021, \$121 million of principal was outstanding.

In October 2017, Kent Hills Wind LP, a jointly owned subsidiary of CHD and Natural Forces Technologies Inc., issued a \$260 million KH Bond that bears interest at 4.454 per cent, with principal and interest payable quarterly in blended payments until maturity on Nov. 30, 2033. The KH Bond is secured by a first-ranking charge over all the assets of Kent Hills Wind LP. CHD maintains 83 per cent ownership of Kent Hills Wind LP while Natural Forces Technologies Inc. maintains a 17 per cent interest in the assets. Proceeds from the financing were, in part, used for the early redemption of all of the unsecured debentures issued by CHD that were scheduled to mature in June 2018. As at Dec. 31, 2021, \$221 million of principal was outstanding. As a result of the determination that Kent Hills 1 and 2 foundations require replacement, Kent Hills Wind LP provided notice to BNY Trust Company of Canada that events of default may have occurred under the trust indenture governing the terms of the KH Bonds. The Company is in discussions with the Trustee and holders of the KH Bonds to negotiate waivers and amendments while the Company works to remedy and bring the site into service. Although the Company expects that it will reach agreement with the Trustee and holders of the KH Bonds with respect to terms of an acceptable waiver and amendment, there can be no assurance that the Company will receive such waivers and amendments.

In December 2021, Windrise Wind LP, a wholly owned subsidiary of CHD, issued a \$173 million bond that bears interest at 3.41 per cent, with interest payable quarterly until maturity on September 30, 2041, and principal payments starting on March 31, 2023. The bond is secured by a first-ranking charge over all the assets of Windrise Wind LP. As at Dec. 31, 2021, \$173 million of principal was outstanding.

#### **Related-Party Debt**

In October 2020, TEC issued an AU\$800 million senior secured note offering, by way of a private placement, which is secured by, among other things, a first-ranking charge over all assets of TEC (consisting of the 150 MW South Hedland combined-cycle power station). The TEC Notes bear interest at 4.07 per cent per annum, payable quarterly and maturing on June 30, 2042, with principal payments starting on March 31, 2022. The TEC Notes have a rating of BBB by Kroll Bond Rating Agency. The Company owns an economic interest in TEA through Australian Tracking Preferred Shares. The proceeds from the financing were delivered to the Company through the repayment of the Australian Loan Tracking Shares, the Australian Preferred Shares and a related party loan from TEA to the Company.

In October 2020, TEA established a demand loan credit facility with the Company to make a single advance of approximately AU\$200 million to the Company that bears interest at 4.32 per cent, with interest payable quarterly until maturity on Oct. 26, 2022. During 2021, approximately AU\$20 million was repaid. As at Dec. 31, 2021, AU\$180 million of principal was outstanding.

#### **Syndicated Credit Facility**

On July 24, 2017, we entered into a syndicated credit agreement giving us access to a \$500 million committed credit facility. The facility is fully committed, and in the second quarter of 2019 was amended from \$500 million to \$700 million. In the first quarter of 2021, the credit agreement maturity was extended to June 30, 2025. The facility is subject to a number of customary covenants and restrictions in order to maintain access to the funding commitments. This facility has been made available for general corporate purposes, including financing ongoing working capital requirements and providing financing for construction capital, growth opportunities and the repayment of outstanding borrowings. Approximately \$602 million was available at Dec. 31, 2021.

#### **Restrictions on Debt**

The syndicated credit facility includes restrictive covenants requiring the cash proceeds received from the sale of certain assets to be reinvested into similar assets or in the repayment of outstanding borrowings on the facility and a reduction in availability equal to such amount. The Melancthon Wolfe Wind LP, Pingston Inc., New Richmond Wind LP, Kent Hills Wind LP and Windrise Wind LP bonds are subject to customary financing conditions and covenants that restrict the Company's ability to access funds generated by the facilities' operations. Upon meeting certain distribution tests, typically performed once per quarter, the funds are able to be distributed by the subsidiary entities to their respective parent entity. These restrictions include the ability to meet a debt service coverage ratio prior to distribution. As a result of incident at Kent Hills requiring foundation replacements, Kent Hills Wind LP delivered notice to its Trustee that events of default may have occurred under the trust indenture governing the terms of the KH Bonds. The Company is in discussions with the Trustee and holders of the KH Bonds with respect to terms of an acceptable waiver and amendment, although there can be no assurance of the specific terms of any such waiver or amendments, or the Company's ability to secure any such waiver or amendment.

#### **Tracking Shares**

The Company has invested in preferred shares of subsidiaries of TransAlta that pay dividends based on tracking certain financial results of other subsidiaries of TransAlta. The income received by the Company in aggregate and over time indirectly provides the Company with cash flows based on those of the subsidiaries. As of Dec. 31, 2021, the Company held the following preferred shares of subsidiaries of TransAlta:

Tracking Share	Issuer	Description
Australian Tracking Preferred Shares	TA Energy	The Australian Tracking Preferred Shares effectively entitle the holders of such preferred shares to an economic interest based on the cash flows broadly equal to the underlying net distributable profits of TEA.
Big Level and Antrim Tracking Preferred Shares	TA Power	The terms of the Big Level and Antrim Tracking Preferred Shares effectively entitle the holders of such preferred shares to the free cash flow from the Big Level and Antrim wind facilities through dividends, based on the pre-tax net earnings generated by the Big Level and Antrim wind facilities.
Lakeswind Tracking Preferred Shares	TA Power	The terms of the Lakeswind Tracking Preferred Shares effectively entitle the holders of such preferred shares to the free cash flow from the Lakeswind wind facility through dividends, based on the pre-tax net earnings generated by the Lakeswind wind facility.
Mass Solar Tracking Preferred Shares	TA Power	The terms of the Mass Solar Tracking Preferred Shares effectively entitle the holders of such preferred shares to the free cash flow from the Mass Solar facility through dividends, based on the pre-tax net earnings generated by the Mass Solar facility.
Wyoming Wind Tracking Preferred Shares	TA Power	The terms of the Wyoming Wind Tracking Preferred Shares effectively entitle the holders of such preferred shares to the free cash flow from the Wyoming wind facility through dividends, based on the pre-tax net earnings generated by the Wyoming wind facility.
Skookumchuck Tracking Preferred Shares	TA Power	The terms of the Skookumchuk Tracking Preferred Shares effectively entitle the holders of such preferred shares to the free cash flow from the Skookumchuck wind facility through dividends, based on the pre-tax net earnings generated by the Skookumchuck wind facility.
Ada Tracking Preferred Shares	TA Power	The terms of the Ada Tracking Preferred Shares effectively entitle the holders of such preferred shares to the free cash flow from the Ada cogeneration facility through dividends, based on the pre-tax net earnings generated by the Ada cogeneration facility.
North Carolina Solar Tracking Preferred Shares	TA Power	The terms of the North Carolina Solar Tracking Preferred Shares effectively entitle the holders of such preferred shares to the free cash flow from the North Carolina Solar facility through dividends, based on the pretax net earnings generated by the North Carolina Solar facility.

On Dec. 23, 2020, the Company entered into an agreement with TransAlta to acquire a 49 per cent economic interest in the 137 MW Skookumchuck wind facility located across Thurston and Lewis counties in Washington State, and a 100 per cent economic interest in the 29 MW Ada cogeneration facility located in Ada, Michigan, through the subscription of tracking preferred shares to be issued by TA Power. The acquisition of the economic interest in the Ada cogeneration facility and the Skookumchuck wind facility closed on April 1, 2021.

On Nov. 5, 2021, the Company acquired a 100 per cent economic interest in the 122 MW portfolio of 20 operating solar photovoltaic sites located in North Carolina Solar, through an investment in tracking preferred shares of a TransAlta subsidiary.

#### **Credit Ratings**

TransAlta Renewables is not rated. However, Melancthon Wolfe Wind LP has a debt rating from DBRS and TEC Hedland Pty Ltd has a debt rating from Kroll Bond Rating Agency.

#### Melancthon Wolfe Wind LP Series 1 Senior Amortizing Bonds

As of Dec. 31, 2021, Melancthon Wolfe Wind LP had a series 1 senior amortizing bond rating of BBB (high) stable by DBRS. The BBB (high) rating continues to be underpinned by the strength of the fixed-price PPAs, the solid and consistent operating track record, and the strength of the owner-operator.

According to the DBRS rating system, debt instruments have ratings that range from a high of AAA to a low of D. Debt securities rated BBB are of adequate credit quality. The capacity for the payment of financial obligations is considered acceptable, but the entity may be vulnerable to future events. "High" or "low" subcategories indicate the relative standing within a rating category for all rating categories other than AAA and D. DBRS also assigns rating trends of "positive," "stable" or "negative" to each of its ratings. The rating trend indicates the direction in which DBRS considers the rating is headed should present tendencies continue, or in some cases, unless challenges are addressed.

#### **South Hedland Senior Secured Notes**

As of Dec. 31, 2021, TEC had senior secured note outstanding that were secured by, among other things, a first ranking charge over all assets of TEC. The TEC Notes are amortizing and bear interest from their date of issue at a rate of 4.07% per annum, payable quarterly and mature on June 30, 2042. The TEC Notes have a preliminary rating of BBB, with a stable trend, by Kroll Bond Rating Agency.

#### **Note Regarding Credit Ratings**

The foregoing information relating to Melancthon Wolfe Wind LP's credit rating is provided as it relates to the senior debt secured by our Melancthon 1 and 2 and Wolfe Island wind facilities. It is a condition to both: (a) issuing any additional bonds secured by our Melancthon 1 and 2 and Wolfe Island wind facilities under the existing indenture and (b) selling, transferring, leasing, conveying or otherwise disposing of all or substantially all of our Melancthon 1 and 2 and Wolfe Island wind facilities, that the rating ascribed to the senior amortizing bonds immediately prior to such proposed action will not be qualified, downgraded or withdrawn as a consequence of such proposed action, including that there will be no negative change in the trend for such rating as a consequence of such proposed action.

The terms of the note purchase agreements relating to the issuance of the TEC senior secured notes require TEC to, at its expense, use commercially reasonable efforts to (a) cause the credit rating agency to provide (and continue to provide) a rating on the notes, and (b) deliver, once annually, to the then-registered holders a ratings letter (or similar evidence) from the rating agency indicating the then current rating on the notes.

Credit ratings are intended to provide investors with an independent measure of credit quality of an issue of securities. The credit ratings accorded to the outstanding Melancthon Wolfe Wind LP securities by DBRS and the outstanding TEC Notes by Kroll Bond Rating Agency are not recommendations to purchase, hold or sell such securities inasmuch as such ratings do not comment as to market price or suitability for a particular investor. There is no assurance that the ratings will remain in effect for any given period or that a rating will not be revised or withdrawn entirely by DBRS or Kroll, as applicable, in the future if, in its judgement, circumstances so warrant.

We have paid for rating services fees to DBRS and Kroll, but have not paid for other rating agency services from DBRS or Kroll during the last two years.

#### **Dividends**

Dividends on our Common Shares are at the discretion of the Board. In determining the payment and level of future dividends, the Board considers our financial performance, our results of operations, cash flow and needs, with respect to financing our ongoing operations and growth, balanced against returning capital to shareholders. The Board continues to focus on building sustainable earnings and cash flow growth. Currently, there are no restrictions preventing us from paying dividends. The payment of dividends is not guaranteed and could fluctuate with our performance. The Board has the discretion to determine the amount of dividends, if any, to be declared and paid to shareholders. See "Risk Factors - Risks Related to Common Shares and Tracking Preferred Shares" in this AIF.

TransAlta Renewables has declared the following dividends per share on its outstanding Common Shares:

Period	Dividend Payment Date	Dividend per Common Share
2019	January 31	\$0.07833
	February 28	\$0.07833
	March 29	\$0.07833
	April 30	\$0.07833
	May 31	\$0.07833
	June 28	\$0.07833
	July 31	\$0.07833
	August 30	\$0.07833
	September 30	\$0.07833
	October 31	\$0.07833
	November 29	\$0.07833
	December 31	\$0.07833
2020	January 31	\$0.07833
	February 28	\$0.07833
	March 31	\$0.07833
	April 30	\$0.07833
	May 29	\$0.07833
	June 30	\$0.07833
	July 31	\$0.07833
	August 31	\$0.07833
	September 30	\$0.07833
	October 30	\$0.07833
	November 30	\$0.07833
	December 31	\$0.07833
2021	January 29	\$0.07833
	February 26	\$0.07833
	March 31	\$0.07833
	April 30	\$0.07833
	May 31	\$0.07833
	June 30	\$0.07833
	July 30	\$0.07833
	August 31	\$0.07833
	September 30	\$0.07833
	October 29	\$0.07833
	November 30	\$0.07833
	December 31	\$0.07833
2022	January 31	\$0.07833
	February 28	\$0.07833 <sup>(1)</sup>
	March 31	\$0.07833 <sup>(1)</sup>
	April 29	\$0.07833 <sup>(1)</sup>
	May 31	\$0.07833 <sup>(1)</sup>
	June 30	\$0.07833 <sup>(1)</sup>

Note: (1) Dividends have been declared but not yet paid.

#### **Market for Securities**

Our Common Shares are listed on the TSX under the symbol "RNW." The following table sets forth the reported high and low trading prices and trading volumes of our Common Shares as reported by the TSX for the periods indicated:

	Common Sh	Common Share Price (\$)	
	High	Low	Volume
2021			
January	24.47	21.36	19,262,512
February	22.04	19.66	9,518,916
March	20.68	18.15	17,795,276
April	21.03	19.40	12,392,431
May	19.73	18.24	10,748,650
June	21.02	19.34	7,134,397
July	22.00	20.60	6,524,561
August	22.55	19.51	9,386,451
September	20.56	18.86	6,528,310
October	19.78	18.16	13,582,651
November	19.22	18.15	8,880,155
December	19.00	18.15	6,130,241
2022			
January	18.94	16.01	13,213,329
February 1-23	17.49	16.35	5,704,575

### **Directors and Officers**

#### **Directors**

The name, province or state and country of residence of each of our directors as at February 23, 2022, their respective position and office, and their respective principal occupation during the five preceding years, are set out below. The year in which each director was appointed to serve on the Board is also set out below. Each director is appointed to serve until the next annual meeting of TransAlta Renewables or until their successor is elected or appointed.

Name, Province (State) and Country of Residence <sup>(1)</sup>	Year First Became Director	Principal Occupation		
David W. Drinkwater <sup>(2)</sup> British Columbia, Canada	2013	David Drinkwater is a corporate director. Prior thereto, he was a Senior Advisor to Rothschild Canada until Dec. 31, 2015. Prior thereto, he was the Chairman of Rothschild Canada from April 15, 2009, to July 1, 2013. Prior thereto, he was the Chief Legal Officer of Nortel Networks Corporation from Dec. 19, 2005, to Dec. 31, 2008 and Senior Advisor from then to March 31, 2009. From May 2007 to November 2007, he was also Acting Chief Financial Officer of Nortel Networks Corporation. From August 2004 to December 2005, he acted as an independent consultant and corporate director. From April 2003 to July 2004, Mr. Drinkwater served as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer at Ontario Power Generation Inc. From December 1998 to March 2003, he was Executive Vice President, Corporate Development and Legal Affairs at Ontario Power Generation.  Mr. Drinkwater holds a Master of Laws from the London School of Economics, a Bachelor of Laws from Dalhousie University and a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from the Richard Ivey School of Business at the		
		University of Western Ontario.  Mr. Drinkwater is Chair of the Board and a member of the Audit and Nominating Committee.		
Brett M. Gellner Alberta, Canada	2013	Brett Gellner is a corporate director and the former President of the Company. Mr. Gellner retired from TransAlta and the Company in April 2021. Mr. Gellner was the former Chief Development Officer of TransAlta and in such role he oversaw strategic corporate investments, mergers and acquisitions as well as greenfield projects. Previously, he was Chief Investment and Strategy Officer of TransAlta during 2018-2019, interim Chief Financial Officer of TransAlta during 2018 and Chief Financial Officer of TransAlta from 2010 to 2014. Prior to joining TransAlta, Mr. Gellner spent 12 years in investment banking covering the power, pipeline, midstream and forest products sectors.		
		Mr. Gellner has a Master's degree specializing in economics from the University of Alberta and holds a Chartered Financial Analyst designation.		
		Mr. Gellner does not serve on any committees of the Board.		

Name, Province (State) and Country of Residence <sup>(1)</sup>	Year First Became Director	Principal Occupation
Allen R. Hagerman <sup>(2)</sup> Alberta, Canada	2013	Allen Hagerman is a corporate director with more than 30 years of experience as an executive with various energy and mining companies. Most recently, he was Executive Vice President of Canadian Oil Sands Limited, an oil sands mining and upgrading entity from 2007 to 2013. Prior to 2007, he served as Chief Financial Officer of a number of entities including, Canadian Oil Sands Limited, Fording Inc. and Home Oil Company limited. Previous board positions include lead director of Capital Power Income L.P., director of Precision Drilling Corporation, Tervita Corporation, Syncrude Canada Ltd. and the Calgary Exhibition and Stampede. Allen has also served as a Governor of the University of Calgary, past President of Financial Executives Institute, Calgary Chapter, as well as a past Chair of the Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation.
		Mr. Hagerman is a fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Alberta and received their Distinguished Service Award. He is a Chartered Accountant and holds a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Alberta and a Master of Business Administration from Harvard Business School. He also holds an ICD.D. certification from the Institute of Corporate Directors and has served on the executive committee of the ICD Calgary Chapter.
		Mr. Hagerman is a member of the Audit and Nominating Committee.
Georganne M. Hodges <sup>(2)</sup> Texas, US	2021	Georganne Hodges became Executive Vice President of Supply, Trading & Logistics at Motiva Enterprises, LLC in 2020. In this role, she leads the safe operation and optimization of the company's strategic network of equity terminals, ensuring the reliable delivery of fuel products to retail outlets across the country. Since joining Motiva in July 2016 as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, she has demonstrated a strong track record of building and leading high-performing teams that act as business partners while maintaining disciplined financial controls. She is a respected leader with more than 30 years of wholesale and retail energy experience, including major public accounting and extensive experience across the energy industry value chain. Prior to joining Motiva, Ms. Hodges held the position of CFO with Spark Energy, where she successfully completed the company's initial public offering as well as several acquisitions. She also held the position of CFO with Direct Energy, as well as other senior financial roles since beginning her career with Arthur Andersen in 1987.
		Ms. Hodges holds memberships in the Houston Chapter of CPAs and the Women's Energy Network. She holds a Bachelor of Business Administration in accounting from Baylor University and is a licensed certified public accountant in the state of Texas. She volunteers as a board member with Lone Star Big Brothers Big Sisters, Junior Achievement of Southeast Texas and Life Skills House.
		Ms. Hodges is Chair of the Audit and Nominating Committee.

Name, Province (State) and Country of Residence <sup>(1)</sup>	Year First Became Director	Principal Occupation
Kerry O'Reilly Wilks Alberta, Canada	2021	Kerry O'Reilly Wilks is the Executive Vice President, Legal, Commercial & External Affairs at TransAlta where her portfolio spans legal, commercial, sustainability, government relations, regulatory, policy, stakeholder engagement, Indigenous affairs, corporate secretarial, governance and trading compliance.
		Prior to joining TransAlta, Ms. O'Reilly Wilks was Head of Legal, North Atlantic & UK, for Vale S.A. In this role, Kerry oversaw all issues of Vale's business arising in North America and the UK. She also sat as the Head of Legal, Corporate & Marketing, as well as the Global Chief Technology Counsel for Vale. In addition, she occupied a senior strategic advisory role with Vale's Asia-Pacific affiliates, including Vale S.A.'s public Indonesian affiliate, as Head of Legal, Asia Pacific. Prior to joining Vale, she worked as a partner with Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg LLP.
		Ms. O'Reilly Wilks sits on the Board of Directors of St. Michael's Hospital Foundation and is the Founder and Chairperson of Malachy's Soiree in support of the Neo-natal Intensive Care Unit at St. Michael's Hospital.
Todd Stack Alberta, Canada	2021	Todd Stack is the President of the Company and is responsible for the executive leadership and operational management of the Company. He guides the Company's strategy of developing, integrating and operating clean energy assets to create sustainable long-term shareholder value. He has significant experience in capital markets, finance, valuation, economics and the power industry. He currently serves as the Executive Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer at TransAlta and previously served as the Chief Financial Officer for TransAlta Renewables. Prior to this role, Mr. Stack was TransAlta's Corporate Controller, Corporate Treasurer, as well as a member of the corporate development team evaluating greenfield and acquisition opportunities.
		Mr. Stack has a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of Alberta and a Masters of Business Administration from the University of Calgary. He is a registered professional engineer in Alberta and a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA).
		Mr. Stack does not sit on any committees of the Board.

Paul H. E. Taylor Alberta, Canada  Paul Taylor is the Principal of Taylor Advisory Services, a management consulting firm. He retired in July 2016 as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Western Financial Group, Western Canada's largest insurance brokerage company. Previously, Mr. Taylor served as TransAlta's President, US Operations and Executive Vice-President of the Alberta based Canadian coal generation business until his retirement from TransAlta on March 31, 2014. He was also responsible for leading the commercial coal and sustainability teams in both Canada and the US. In the late 1905, while serving as TransAlta's Senior Vice-President, Corporate Development, he was involved in the establishment of TransAlta Power, L.P. His energy experience includes serving as TressAlta's Senior Vice-President, Corporate Development, he was involved in the establishment of TransAlta Power, L.P. His energy experience includes serving serving as President and Chief Executive Officer of Naikun Wind Energy Group, an offshore wind development company, Mr. Taylor also has extensive public sector experience including servings achief of Staff to the Premier of British Columbia; Deputy Minister of Finance and Secretary to the Treasury Board and President and Chief Executive Officer of the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia and various roles within Alberta Treasury.  Mr. Taylor has served on private and public sector boards including Western Financial Group, Western Life Assurance Company, Western Financial Insurance Company (PetiSecure), Naikun Wind Energy Group, BC Forestry Investment & Innovation, TransAlta New Zealand, TransAlta Power Ltd., the Conference Board of Canada, the World Wildlife Fund - Canada and Chair of the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia.  Mr. Taylor does not sit on any committees of the Board.  Susan M. Ward Served as the Head of Mergers & Acquisitions and Commercial Finance - Americas and a Senior Executive at Shell Oil Company in Houston, Texas, from January 2010 to her retirement i	Name, Province (State) and Country of Residence <sup>(1)</sup>	Year First Became Director	Principal Occupation	
Investment & Innovation, TransAlta New Zealand, TransAlta Power Ltd., the Conference Board of Canada, the World Wildlife Fund - Canada and Chair of the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia.  Mr. Taylor does not sit on any committees of the Board.  Susan M. Ward <sup>(2)</sup> 2021  Susan Ward served as the Head of Mergers & Acquisitions and Commercial Finance - Americas and a Senior Executive at Shell Oil Company in Houston, Texas, from January 2010 to her retirement in June 2019. Susan worked for Shell for over 20 years. She also served as Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Shell Midstream Partners (SHLX: NYSE), a publicly traded subsidiary of Shell, from May 2014 to February 2017. She was also a member of Shell Midstream Partners' GP board of directors from its IPO in 2014 until February 2017. Prior to those roles, Ms. Ward served as Vice President, Upstream Commercial Finance for Shell International Exploration & Production B.V. in the Hague, Netherlands from October 2007 to December 2009. Susan joined Shell in 1998 as Partner, Mergers, Acquisitions and New Ventures for its US operations. Prior to Shell, Ms. Ward worked more than 10 years in investment banking in energy and natural resources as a Managing Director at UBS, First Vice President at PaineWebber and Senior Vice President at Ridder, Peabody & Company. Susan also worked as a Financial Analyst in Capital Markets and Investment Banking at Mobil Corporation and a Refining Engineer at Exxon Company USA.  Ms. Ward has a Bachelor of Chemical Engineering degree from Villanova University and an MBA in Finance from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. She has been a Trustee of Villanova University since 2018.		2013	consulting firm. He retired in July 2016 as the President and Chief Exe Officer of Western Financial Group, Western Canada's largest insubrokerage company. Previously, Mr. Taylor served as TransAlta's Preud Soperations and Executive Vice-President of the Alberta based Cancoal generation business until his retirement from TransAlta on Mar 2014. He was also responsible for leading the commercial coasustainability teams in both Canada and the US. In the late 1990s, serving as TransAlta's Senior Vice-President, Corporate Development, I involved in the establishment of TransAlta Power, L.P. His energy expeincludes serving as President and Chief Executive Officer of NaiKun Energy Group, an offshore wind development company. Mr. Taylor al extensive public sector experience including serving as Chief of Staff Premier of British Columbia, British Columbia's Deputy Minister of Fand Secretary to the Treasury Board and President and Chief Exe Officer of the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia and various within Alberta Treasury.  Mr. Taylor has served on private and public sector boards including W Financial Group, Western Life Assurance Company, Western Fir Insurance Company (PetSecure), NaiKun Wind Energy Group, BC Fo	
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Notes:			Ms. Ward is a member of the Audit and Nominating Committee.	

Notes:
(1) The following directors are Canadian residents: David W. Drinkwater, Brett M. Gellner, Allen R. Hagerman, Kerry O'Reilly Wilks, Paul H.E. Taylor and Todd Stack.
(2) Independent director within the meaning of NI 52-110 and National Instrument 58-101 - Disclosure of Corporate Governance Practices.

#### **Additional Information Regarding Directors and Officers**

#### **Conflicts of Interest**

Certain of our directors and executive officers are engaged in, and may continue to be engaged in, other activities in the industries in which we operate from time to time. The Management and Operational Services Agreement does not prohibit TransAlta from competing with the Company and its affiliates, except where any new activities proposed to be engaged in by TransAlta would give rise to, or would be reasonably likely to give rise to, a material adverse change in the financial affairs of the Company unless the Company declined to pursue such activities and they have been, or are reasonably likely to be, undertaken by third parties.

The CBCA provides that if an officer or director is a party to, or is a director or an officer of, or has a material interest in any person who is a party to, a material contract or material transaction or proposed material contract or proposed material transaction, such officer or director shall disclose the nature and extent of their interest and shall refrain from voting to approve such contract or transaction, unless otherwise provided under the CBCA. To the extent that conflicts of interest arise, such conflicts will be resolved in accordance with the provisions of the CBCA.

Under the Management and Operational Services Agreement, if the interests of TransAlta come into material conflict with the interests of the Company, TransAlta must give written notice to the Company setting out the particulars of the conflict, and the independent directors of the Company will be responsible to make decisions relating to the conflict matter. The decision and any determinations made by the independent directors of the Company will be the actions taken by TransAlta Renewables.

The Management and Operational Services Agreement also provides that TransAlta may not, without first obtaining the approval of a majority of the independent members of the Board, (a) dispose of any material assets or equipment that are used in operating or maintaining the business of the Company, other than in the ordinary course of business or as provided for in the annual management plan or (b) enter into any transaction for and on behalf of the Company or an affiliate thereof with TransAlta or an affiliate of TransAlta except relating to the delegation of TransAlta's responsibilities under the Management and Operational Services Agreement; or (c) provide any consent or waiver of contractual terms or conditions in favour of or for the benefit of TransAlta or any of its affiliates pursuant to any contract or agreement between TransAlta or any of its affiliates and the Company. Further, TransAlta may not materially deviate from an annual management plan without prior approval of a majority of the Board, unless required to safeguard life or property or minimize economic loss to the Company's business and time does not reasonably permit TransAlta to obtain the required written approval. Finally, TransAlta may not enter into or commit to any transaction that requires the approval of the independent directors without obtaining such approval.

As at the date hereof, the Company is not aware of any existing or potential material conflicts of interest between the Company and any director or officer of the Company.

#### **Indebtedness**

The Company is not aware of any individuals who are either current or former executive officers, directors or employees of the Company and who have indebtedness outstanding as at the date hereof (whether entered into in connection with the purchase of securities of the Company or otherwise) that is owing to: (a) the Company or (b) another entity where such indebtedness is the subject of a guarantee, support agreement, letter of credit or other similar arrangement or understanding provided by the Company.

#### **Indemnification and Insurance**

Pursuant to the Management and Operational Services Agreement, TransAlta has acquired and maintains liability insurance for its directors and officers, as well as those of its subsidiaries, including the Company. There have been no claims made or paid under this insurance to date.

The Company has entered into indemnification agreements with its directors and officers. The indemnification agreements require that the Company indemnify and hold the indemnitees harmless to the greatest extent permitted by law for liabilities arising out of the indemnitees' service to the Company as directors and officers, if the indemnitees acted honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the Company and, with respect to criminal or administrative actions or proceedings that are enforced by monetary penalty, if the indemnitee had no reasonable grounds to believe that their conduct was unlawful. The indemnification agreements also provide for the advancement of defence expenses to the indemnitees by the Company.

#### Officers

The name, province or state and country of residence of each of our officers as at February 23, 2022, their respective position and office and their respective principal occupation during the five preceding years, are set out below:

Name	Principal Occupation	Date of Appointment	Residence
Michelle Cameron	Ms. Cameron is Vice President and Corporate Controller of the Company. Prior thereto she was Managing Director and Corporate Controller of the Company since May 2021. She is also Vice President and Corporate Controller of TransAlta since September 2021. Prior thereto, Ms. Cameron was Managing Director and Corporate Controller of TransAlta since May 2021, Manager, Financial Reporting of TransAlta since January 2019, Vice President, Corporate Reporting of Walton Global Investment Ltd. since April 2018 and Vice President, Corporate Reporting of Walton International Group Inc. since January 2016.	Oct. 25, 2021	Alberta, Canada
Scott Jeffers	Mr. Jeffers is the Vice President and Corporate Secretary of the Company. Prior thereto he was Corporate Secretary of the Company since November 2017. Mr. Jeffers is also Vice President and Corporate Secretary of TransAlta since September 2021. Prior thereto, Mr. Jeffers was Managing Director and Corporate Secretary of TransAlta since July 2018. He is responsible for all corporate legal matters at TransAlta and oversees the corporate secretarial and trading compliance functions at both TransAlta and the Company. Prior thereto, he was the Assistant Corporate Secretary at TransAlta.	Oct. 25, 2021	Alberta, Canada
Todd Stack	Mr. Stack is the President of the Company since February 2021. He is also the Executive Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer of TransAlta. He has been Chief Financial Officer of TransAlta since May 2019. Prior thereto, Mr. Stack was the Corporate Controller of TransAlta since February 2017. Prior thereto, Mr. Stack was Managing Director and Treasurer of TransAlta since October 2015.	Feb. 6, 2021	Alberta, Canada
Brent Ward	Mr. Ward is Chief Financial Officer of the Company. Prior thereto, he was Managing Director and Treasurer of the Company since May 2017. Mr. Ward is also the Senior Vice President, M&A, Strategy and Treasurer of TransAlta since February 2021. Prior thereto Mr. Ward was Managing Director and Treasurer of TransAlta since April 2017. Prior thereto, Mr. Ward was the Manager, Corporate Finance of TransAlta since July 2015. Prior thereto, Mr. Ward was the Director of Corporate Finance and Investor Relations since February 2013 and Director, Treasury of TransAlta since January 2011.	May 16, 2019	Alberta, Canada
Aron Willis	Mr. Willis is the Executive Vice President, Growth of the Company. Prior thereto he was Senior Vice President, Growth of the Company since February 2017. Mr. Willis was a director of the Company from January 2017 until November 2017. Mr. Willis is the Executive Vice President, Growth of TransAlta since February 2021. Prior thereto Mr. Willis was Senior Vice President, Growth of TransAlta since August 2019. Prior thereto, he was Senior Vice President, Gas and Renewables of TransAlta since January 2016. Prior thereto, Mr. Willis was the Managing Director, Australia of TransAlta, accountable for overseeing the Australia operations. Prior thereto, he was Vice-President, Australia of TransAlta until September 2015. Prior thereto, he was Country Manager, Australia of TransAlta since July 2007.	Oct. 25, 2021	Alberta, Canada
Gary Woods	Mr. Woods is the Vice President, Gas and Renewables of the Company. Prior thereto he was Managing Director, Gas and Renewables of the Company since May 2021. Mr. Woods is Vice President, Gas and Renewables of TransAlta since September 2021. Prior thereto he was Managing Director, Gas and Renewables of TransAlta since October 2015.	Oct. 25, 2021	Alberta, Canada

#### **Director and Officer Shareholdings**

As of Dec. 31, 2021, the directors and executive officers of TransAlta Renewables, as a group, beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, or exercised control or direction over, less than one per cent of our outstanding Common Shares.

#### Interests of Management and Others in Material Transactions

Except as otherwise disclosed herein, no director or executive officer of the Company, no person or company that is the direct or indirect beneficial owner of, or who exercises control or direction over more than 10 per cent of our Common Shares, and no associate or affiliate of any of them, has or has had any material interest, direct or indirect, in any transaction involving TransAlta Renewables since the date of incorporation or in any proposed transactions that have materially affected or will materially affect us. See the "General Development of the Business" section of this AIF.

#### **Indebtedness of Directors, Executive Officers and Senior Officers**

Since the date of incorporation, there has been no indebtedness outstanding to the Company from any of our directors, executive officers, senior officers or associates of any such directors, nominees or senior officers.

#### Corporate Cease Trade Orders, Bankruptcies or Sanctions

#### **Corporate Cease Trade Orders**

Except as noted below, no director, executive officer or controlling security holder of the Company is, as at the date of this Annual Information Form, or has been, within the past 10 years before the date hereof, a director or executive officer of any other issuer that, while that person was acting in that capacity:

- (i) was the subject of a cease trade or similar order or an order that denied the relevant company access to any exemption under securities legislation for a period of more than 30 consecutive days; or
- (ii) was subject to an event that resulted, after the person ceased to be a director or executive officer but that occurred while that person was acting in such capacity, in the company being the subject of a cease trade or similar order or an order that denied the relevant company access to any exemption under securities legislation for a period of more than 30 consecutive days; or
- (iii) within a year of that person ceasing to act in that capacity, became bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency or was subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold its assets.

Michelle Cameron was an interim director (from May 2017 to October 2017) and an officer of Walton Edgemont Development Corporation, Walton Ontario Land L.P. 1 and Walton International Group Inc. (from December 2016 to May 2018). On Apr. 28, 2017 these companies and certain affiliates obtained creditor protection under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* granted by the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta and undertook a court supervised restructuring process. Walton Edgemont Development Corporation and Walton Ontario Land L.P. 1 were also the subject of a cease trade order issued on May 16, 2018 for failure to file annual financial statements, annual management's discussion and analysis and certification of annual filings for the year ended Dec. 31, 2017.

#### **Personal Bankruptcies**

No director, executive officer or controlling security holder of the Company has, within the 10 years before the date hereof, become bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency, or became subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors, or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold such person's assets.

#### **Penalties or Sanctions**

No director, executive officer or controlling security holder of TransAlta Renewables has:

- (i) been subject to any penalties or sanctions imposed by a court relating to securities legislation or by a securities regulatory authority or has entered into a settlement agreement with a securities regulatory authority, other than penalties for late filing of insider reports; or
- (ii) been subject to any other penalties or sanctions imposed by a court or regulatory body that would likely be considered important to a reasonable investor in making an investment decision.

#### **Material Contracts**

The following material contracts, other than those contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business, which the Company or any of its subsidiaries has entered into since Jan. 1, 2020, or has entered into prior to Jan. 1, 2020, but which contract is still in effect.

- a) Management and Operational Services Agreement See the "Employee and Governance Matters Management and Operational Services Agreement" of this AIF.
- b) Governance and Cooperation Agreement See the "Employee and Governance Matters Governance and Cooperation Agreement" of this AIF.
- c) Investor Liquidity Agreement See the "Employee and Governance Matters Investor Liquidity Agreement" section of this AIF.
- d) Investment Agreement See the "Business of TransAlta Renewables Investment Agreement Australian Assets" section of this AIF.

#### Conflicts of Interest

Circumstances may arise where members of the Board serve as directors or officers of companies that are in competition to the interests of TransAlta Renewables. No assurances can be given that opportunities identified by such member of the Board will be provided to us. However, our policies provide that each director and executive officer must comply with the disclosure requirements of the CBCA regarding any material interest. If a declaration of material interest is made, the declaring director shall not vote on the matter if put to a vote of the Board. In addition, the declaring director and executive officer may be requested to recuse himself or herself from the meeting when such matter is being discussed.

Under the Management and Operational Services Agreement, if the interests of TransAlta come into material conflict with the interests of the Company, TransAlta must give written notice to the Company setting out the particulars of the conflict, and the independent directors of the Company will be responsible to make decisions relating to the conflict matter. The decision and any determinations made by the independent directors of the Company will be the actions taken by TransAlta Renewables.

#### **Legal Proceedings and Regulatory Actions**

TransAlta Renewables is occasionally named as a party in claims and legal proceedings that arise during the normal course of our business. We review each of these claims, including the nature of the claim, the amount in dispute or claimed and the availability of insurance coverage. There can be no assurance that any particular claim will be resolved in our favour or that such claim may not have a material adverse effect on TransAlta Renewables.

#### **FMG Dispute**

On Aug. 1, 2017, FMG notified TransAlta and the Company, that, in its view, the South Hedland facility had not yet satisfied the requisite performance criteria under the South Hedland PPA. In TransAlta's view, all conditions to establish commercial operations have been fully satisfied under the terms of the South Hedland PPA. On Nov. 13, 2017, TransAlta received a notice from FMG purporting to terminate the South Hedland PPA. TransAlta's view was that the purported termination is invalid. The dispute was being litigated in the Supreme Court of Western Australia.

While the Company was not directly involved in the dispute with FMG over the purported termination of the South Hedland PPA, the results of the litigation could have impacted the finance income received as a result of our economic interest in the Australian Assets.

On May 2, 2021, TransAlta entered into a conditional settlement with FMG. The settlement was concluded and the actions were formally dismissed in the Supreme Court of Western Australia on Dec. 7, 2021. The settlement has resulted in FMG continuing as a customer of the South Hedland facility.

#### **Transmission Line Loss Rule Proceeding**

TransAlta has been participating in a transmission line loss rule proceeding before the AUC. The AUC determined that it has the ability to retroactively adjust line loss charges going back to 2006 and directed the AESO to recalculate loss factors for 2006 to 2016. The AUC approved an invoice settlement process and all three planned settlements have been received. The first two invoices were settled by the first quarter of 2021 and the third invoice settled in the second quarter of 2021. The true-up invoices issued by the AESO in the fourth quarter of 2021 were settled by Dec 31. 2021 with no further invoices expected.

#### Sarnia Outages

The Sarnia cogeneration facility experienced three separate outages between May 19, and June 9, 2021, that resulted in steam interruptions to its industrial customers. As a result, the customers have submitted claims for liquidated damages. Steam supply interruptions of this nature are atypical and infrequent at the Sarnia cogeneration facility. TransAlta conducted an investigation to determine the root cause of each of the three events, which concluded all three outages events do not qualify as events of force majeure. As such, liquidated damages in an amount dictated by the applicable agreements are payable by TransAlta to the customers for the three outages.

#### **Transfer Agent and Registrar**

Computershare Trust Company of Canada is the transfer agent and registrar of the Company. The Company's Common Shares are transferable in Calgary and Toronto.

#### **Interests of Experts**

The Company's auditors are Ernst & Young LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, 2200, 215 - 2 Street, S.W., Calgary, Alberta, T2P 1M4.

Our auditors, Ernst & Young LLP, are independent within the meaning of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Alberta Rules of Professional Conduct.

#### **Additional Information**

Additional information in relation to TransAlta Renewables may be found under TransAlta Renewables' profile on SEDAR at <a href="https://www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a>.

Additional information including directors' and officers' remuneration and indebtedness, principal holders of our securities and securities authorized for issuance under equity compensation plans (all where applicable), is contained in our Management Proxy Circular for the most recent annual meeting of shareholders that involved the election of directors and can be found under TransAlta Renewables' profile on SEDAR at <a href="https://www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a>.

Additional financial information is provided in our audited consolidated financial statements as at and for the year ended Dec. 31, 2021, and in the related management's discussion and analysis, each of which is incorporated by reference in this AIF. See the "Documents Incorporated by Reference" section of this AIF.

#### **Audit and Nominating Committee**

#### Mandate of the Audit and Nominating Committee

The Board's Audit and Nominating Committee ("Audit Committee") consists of four directors, being Georganne M. Hodges (Chair), David W. Drinkwater, Allen R. Hagerman and Susan M. Ward, all of whom are independent and financially literate for the purposes of NI 52-110. Each of the members of the Audit Committee possesses: (a) an understanding of the accounting principles used by the Company to prepare its financial statements; (b) the ability to assess the general application of such accounting principles in connection with the accounting for estimates, accruals and reserves; (c) experience preparing, auditing, analyzing or evaluating financial statements that present a breadth and level of complexity of accounting issues that are generally comparable to the breadth and complexity of issues that can reasonably be expected to be raised by the Company's financial statements, or experience actively supervising one or more individuals engaged in such activities; and (d) an understanding of internal controls and procedures for financial reporting. The Audit Committee meets at least once each financial quarter to fulfil its mandate.

The specific responsibilities of the Audit Committee are set out in the Audit and Nominating Committee Charter, a copy of which is attached to this Annual Information Form as Appendix "A". The Audit Committee's primary role is to assist the Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities regarding the Company's financial reporting, internal controls, and risk identification and management processes.

The Audit Committee is directly responsible for overseeing the work of the external auditor engaged for the purpose of preparing or issuing an auditor's report or performing other audit, review or attest services, including the resolution of disagreements between the external auditor and management. The external auditor reports directly to the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee is also responsible for reviewing and approving the Company's hiring policies regarding current and former partners and employees of the external auditor. In addition, the Audit Committee preapproves all non-audit services undertaken by the external auditor.

The Audit Committee is responsible for establishing and maintaining satisfactory procedures for the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints and for the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of the Company regarding any questionable accounting or auditing matters. The Audit Committee is accountable to the Board and will provide a report to the Board at each regularly scheduled Board meeting outlining the results of the Audit Committee's activities and any reviews it has undertaken.

#### **Audit Committee Charter**

The charter of the Audit Committee is attached as Appendix "A".

#### **Relevant Education and Experience of Audit Committee Members**

The following is a brief summary of the education or experience of each member of the Audit Committee that is relevant to the performance of their responsibilities as a member of the Audit Committee, including any education or experience that has provided the member with an understanding of the accounting principles that we use to prepare our annual and interim financial statements.

Name of Audit Committee Member	Relevant Education and Experience
Georganne M. Hodges	Ms. Hodges holds a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting and is a Texas Certified Public Accountant. She has over 30 years experience in accounting and finance roles requiring knowledge of internal controls over financial reporting and signed attestations on Sarbanes-Oxley compliance. She has served as the Chief Financial Officer of public and private entities since 2006.
David W. Drinkwater	Mr. Drinkwater holds a Master of Laws from the London School of Economics, a Bachelor of Laws from Dalhousie University and a Bachelor of Arts in business administration from the Richard Ivey School of Business at the University of Western Ontario. Mr. Drinkwater has been the Acting Chief Financial Officer and the Chief Financial Officer of public companies and was a Senior Advisor to a global financial advisory group. Mr. Drinkwater is also the Chair of the Audit Committee of PNG Copper Inc. and previously served on the Audit Committee of Hollinger Inc.
Allen R. Hagerman	Mr. Hagerman is a Chartered Accountant and holds a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Alberta and a Master of Business Administration from Harvard Business School. He also holds an ICD.D. certification from the Institute of Corporate Directors and has served on the executive committee of the ICD Calgary Chapter. He is a fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Alberta and received their Distinguished Service Award. Mr. Hagerman is also a past member of the Financial Executives Institute and a past President of the Financial Executives Institute, Calgary Chapter. Mr. Hagerman has been the Chief Financial Officer of a number of public companies and is a director and chair of the audit committee of another public company.
Susan M. Ward	Ms. Ward holds a Masters of Business Administration in Finance. She has over 10 years investment banking experience and over 20 years in corporate finance roles for major corporations. She was also the Chief Financial Officer and principal accounting officer for a Securities and Exchange Commission registrant for over two years.

#### Fees Paid to Ernst & Young LLP

At no time since Jan. 1, 2021, was a recommendation of the Audit and Nominating Committee to nominate or compensate an external auditor not adopted by the Board.

For the years ended Dec. 31, 2021, and Dec. 31, 2020, Ernst & Young LLP and its affiliates were paid \$844,167 and \$722,733, respectively, as detailed below:

#### **Ernst & Young LLP**

Year Ended December 31	2021	2020
Audit fees	\$ 772,167	650,733
Audit-related fees	72,000	72,000
Tax fees	_	_
All other fees	_	_
Total	\$ 844,167	722,733

No other audit firms provided audit services in 2021 or 2020.

The nature of each category of fees is described below:

#### **Audit Fees**

Audit fees are for professional services rendered for the audit and review of our annual financial statements or services provided in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements and providing comfort letters associated with securities documents.

#### **Audit-Related Fees**

Assurance and related services that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of our financial statements that are not included under Audit Fees. Audit-related fees include statutory audits, pension audits and other compliance audits.

#### **Tax Fees**

Nil.

#### **All Other Fees**

Nil.

#### **Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures**

The Audit Committee has adopted a policy that prohibits TransAlta, as our manager, from engaging the auditors for "prohibited" categories of non-audit services. Pre-approval must be obtained from the Audit Committee for permitted categories of non-audit services. This policy also provides authority to the Chair of the Audit Committee to approve such non-audit services during the quarter and report such approval to the committee at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

# Appendix "A" – Audit and Nominating Committee Charter TransAlta Renewables Inc.

#### **Audit and Nominating Committee Charter**

#### A. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEE AND PROCEDURES

#### 1. Composition of Committee

The Audit and Nominating Committee (the "Committee") of the Board of Directors (the "Board") of TransAlta Renewables Inc. (the "Company") shall consist of not less than three directors. No member of the Committee shall be an officer or employee of the Company nor shall they be an officer or employee of TransAlta Corporation (the "Manager"). The Committee shall comply with the independence and financial literacy requirements set forth in Part 3 of Canadian Securities Regulators' National Instrument 52-110 Audit Committees ("NI 52-110"). Determinations as to whether the Committee and each member of the Committee satisfy the requirements of Part 3 of NI 52-110 and this Section A.1 shall be made by the Board.

#### 2. Appointment of Committee Members

Members of the Committee, who shall be chosen solely from the Board's independent members, shall be appointed by the Board following each annual meeting of shareholders or from time to time as required, and shall hold office until the next annual meeting of shareholders, or until their successors are earlier appointed, or until they cease to be directors of the Company.

#### 3. Vacancies

Where a vacancy occurs at any time in the membership of the Committee resulting in the membership being reduced to less than three members, the Board shall take action to fill the vacancy.

#### 4. Committee Chair

The Board shall, among the members of the Committee, appoint a Chair for the Committee. If the Chair of the Committee is not present at any meeting of the Committee, one of the members of the Committee who is present at the meeting shall be chosen by the Committee to preside at the meeting.

#### 5. Secretary of Committee

The Committee shall appoint a Secretary who need not be a director of the Company.

#### 6. Meetings

The Chair of the Committee may call a meeting of the Committee. The Committee shall meet at least quarterly and at such other times during each year as it deems appropriate. In addition, the Chair of the Committee or any two members may call a special meeting of the Committee at any time. The Committee shall also meet in separate executive sessions without management present at the end of each regularly scheduled meeting and may at its discretion do so at the end of any other meeting. The Committee shall also meet separately with the internal or external auditors without management present at least quarterly.

#### 7. Quorum

A majority of the members of the Committee, present in person or by telephone or other telecommunication device that permits all persons participating in the meeting to speak to each other, shall constitute a quorum.

#### 8. Notice of Meetings

Notice of the time and place of every meeting shall be given in writing (including by way of written facsimile communication or email) to each member of the Committee at least 48 hours prior to the time fixed for such meeting; provided, however, that a member may in any manner waive notice of a meeting, and attendance of a member at a meeting constitutes a waiver of notice of the meeting, except where a member attends for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business on the ground that the meeting is not lawfully called. Notice of every meeting shall also be provided to the external and internal auditors.

#### 9. Attendance at Meetings

At the invitation of the Chair of the Committee, other Board members and officers of the Company or, if required, officers and employees of the Manager, the external auditors, and other experts or consultants, may attend meetings of the Committee.

#### 10. Procedure, Records and Reporting

Subject to any statute or the articles and bylaws of the Company, the Committee shall fix its own procedures at meetings, keep records of its proceedings and report to the Board generally at the next scheduled meeting of the Board.

#### 11. Review of Charter and Evaluation of Committee

The Committee shall evaluate its performance and review and assess the adequacy of its Charter at least annually or otherwise as it deems appropriate and, if necessary, propose changes to the Board for review and approval.

#### 12. Outside Experts and Advisors

The Committee Chair, on behalf of the Committee, or any of its members is authorized, at the expense of the Company, when deemed necessary or desirable, to retain independent counsel, outside experts and other advisors to advise the Committee independently on any matter. The retention of such counsel, expert or advisor in no way requires the Committee to act in accordance with the recommendations of such counsel, expert or advisor.

#### B. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CHAIR

The fundamental responsibility of the Chair of the Committee is to effectively manage the duties of the Committee.

The Chair is responsible for:

- 1. ensuring that the Committee is properly organized so that it functions effectively and meets its obligations and responsibilities;
- 2. establishing the frequency of Committee meetings, duly convening the same and confirming that a quorum is present when required;
- working with management and the Manager on the development of agendas and related materials for the meetings;
- 4. ensuring the Committee has sufficient information to permit it to properly make decisions when decisions are required;
- 5. making suggestions and providing feedback to management and the Manager regarding information that is or should be provided to the Committee to permit it to properly make decisions when decisions are required;
- 6. communicating with the Manager regarding financial reporting, internal controls and accounting matters:
- 7. providing leadership to the Committee and assisting the Committee in reviewing and monitoring its responsibilities;
- 8. reporting to the Board on the recommendations and decisions of the Committee; and
- 9. acting as Chair at meetings of the Committee.

#### C. MANDATE OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee provides assistance to the Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities with respect to: (a) the integrity of the Company's financial statements and financial reporting process; (b) the systems of internal financial controls established by the Manager; (c) the risk identification assessment conducted by the Manager and the programs established by the Manager in response to such assessment; (d) the internal audit function; (e) compliance with accounting and finance based legal and regulatory requirements; and (f) the external auditors' qualifications, independence and performance. In so doing, it is the Committee's responsibility to maintain an open avenue of communication between it and the external auditors, the internal auditors, management and the Manager of the Company.

The function of the Committee is oversight. Management and the Manager are responsible for the preparation, presentation and integrity of the interim and annual financial statements and related disclosure documents. Management and the Manager are also responsible for maintaining appropriate accounting and financial reporting policies and systems of internal controls and procedures to comply with accounting standards, applicable laws and regulations that provide reasonable assurances that assets are safeguarded and transactions are authorized, executed, recorded and reported properly.

The Committee is also responsible for the identification and recommendation of individuals to the Board for nomination as members of the Board and its committees.

The Committee's role is to provide meaningful and effective oversight so that the Company's assets are protected and safeguarded within reasonable business limits. The Committee reports to the Board on its risk oversight responsibilities.

#### D. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMITTEE

#### 1. Audit and Financial Matters

#### A. Duties and Responsibilities Related to the External Auditors Qualifications

- (a) The Committee shall have direct responsibility for the compensation and oversight of the external auditors including nominating the external auditors to the Board for appointment by the shareholders at the Company's annual meeting. In performing its function, the Committee shall:
  - review annually the experience and qualifications of the external auditors' senior personnel
    who are providing audit services to the Company and the quality control procedures of the
    external auditors, including obtaining confirmation that the external auditors are in
    compliance with required regulatory requirements;
  - (ii) review and approve annually the external auditors audit plan;
  - (iii) review and approve annually the basis and amount of the external auditors' fees and confirm with the Company's Chief Financial Officer (the "CFO") that appropriate funding for payment of compensation to the external auditors has been provided for;
  - (iv) review and discuss annually with the external auditors all relationships that the external auditors and their affiliates have with the Company and its affiliates in order to determine the external auditors' independence, including, without limitation, (A) requesting, receiving and reviewing, at least annually, a formal written statement from the external auditors delineating all relationships that may reasonably be thought to bear on the independence of the external auditors with respect to the Company, (B) discussing with the external auditors any relationships or services that the external auditors believe may affect their objectivity and professional skepticism; (C) evaluating the communication and interaction with the external auditor including quality of service consideration; and (D) recommending that the Board take appropriate action in response to the external auditors' report to satisfy itself of the external auditors' independence;
  - (v) in the year preceding the change of the lead (or co-ordinating) audit partner (having primary responsibility for the audit), and in any event not less than every five years, perform a comprehensive review of the external auditor that takes into consideration, (A) the impact of the tenure of the audit firm on audit quality, trends in the audit firm's performance and expertise in the industry, incidences of independence threats and the effectiveness of safeguards to mitigate those threats, (B) the responsiveness of the audit firm to changes in the entity's business and suggestions for improvement from regulators, the audit committee and/or management, (C) the consistency and rigor of the professional skepticism applied by the external auditor, and the quality of the engagement team and its communications, review of the Canadian Public Accountability Board inspection findings since the previous comprehensive review and how the audit firm responded to these findings, and following this comprehensive review, determine whether the audit firm should be nominated to the Board as the external auditor for appointment by the shareholders at the Company's next general annual meeting;
  - (vi) provide the external auditors with direct access to the Committee at all times, and upon a change to the external audit firm or a change of the lead (or co-ordinating) audit partner (having primary responsibility for the audit): (A) inform the external auditors and the Manager that the external auditors shall have direct access to the Committee at all times, and (B) instruct the external auditors that they are ultimately accountable to the Committee; and
  - (vii) at least annually, obtain and review the external auditors' report with respect to the auditing firm's internal quality control procedures, any material issues raised by the most recent internal quality control review or peer review of the auditing firm, any inquiry or investigation by governmental or professional authorities within the preceding five years undertaken respecting one or more independent audits carried out by the external auditors, and any steps taken to deal with any such issues.

#### B. Duties and Responsibilities Related to Financial Reporting and the Audit Process

(a) Pre-approve all audit-related services including all non-prohibited non-audit services to be provided by the external auditors. The Chair of the Committee may approve, between meetings, all audit related services including all non-prohibited non-audit services to be provided by the external

- auditors, and shall report to the Committee at its next scheduled meeting the exercise of this delegated authority;
- (b) Review with management, the Manager and the external auditors the Company's financial reporting documents and processes in connection with the annual audit and the preparation of the financial statements, including, without limitation, the annual audit plan of the external auditors, the judgment of the external auditors as to the quality, not just the acceptability, of and the appropriateness of the Company's accounting principles as applied in its financial reporting and the degree of aggressiveness, conservatism or discretion applied by the Company with respect to the accounting principles and underlying estimates adopted;
- (c) Review with management, the Manager and the external auditors all financial statements and financial disclosure; and
  - (i) recommend to the Board for approval the Company's audited annual financial statements including the notes thereto and the related Management's Discussion and Analysis;
  - (ii) review any report or opinion to be rendered in connection therewith and report to the Board as required;
  - (iii) review with the external auditors the co-operation they received during the course of their review and their access to all records, data and information requested;
  - (iv) discuss with management, the Manager and the external auditors all significant transactions that are not a regular part of the Company's business;
  - (v) review the processes in the formulating of sensitive accounting estimates and the reasonableness of the estimates;
  - (vi) review with management, the Manager and the external auditors any changes in accounting principles, practices or policies considering their applicability to the business and financial impact;
  - (vii) review with management, the Manager and the external auditors alternative treatments of financial information within generally accepted accounting principles, the use of such alternative treatments and that preferred by the external auditors; and
  - (viii) satisfy itself that there are no unresolved issues between management, the Manager and the external auditors that could reasonably be expected to materially affect the financial statements.
- (d) Review with management, the Manager and the external auditors the Company's interim financial statements, including the notes thereto, the related "Management's Discussion and Analysis", the related earnings release, and approve their release to the public as required;
- (e) Review quarterly with management, the Manager, and as necessary, outside legal advisors and the Company's external auditors, the effectiveness of the Company's internal controls to confirm that the Company is in compliance with its policies and legal and regulatory requirements;
- (f) Discuss with management, the Manager and the external auditors any correspondence from or with regulators or governmental agencies, any employee complaints or any published reports that raise material issues regarding the Company's financial statements or accounting policies; and
- (g) Review with the CEO and 'CFO the processes undertaken by them and the Manager, to satisfy the requirements for certification relating to the Company's periodic and annual reports to be filed with securities regulators, to confirm that the information required to be disclosed is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified for the reporting period. Obtain assurances from the CEO and CFO as to the adequacy and effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures and systems of internal control over financial reporting and that any fraud involving any employees of the Manager or the officers of the Company is reported to the Committee.

#### C. Duties and Responsibilities Related to Financial Planning

(a) Review and recommend to the Board for approval the Company's issuance and redemption of all securities, bonds and other financial instruments (including the review of all public filings to effect any of the issuances or redemptions), financial commitments and limits, and any material changes underlying any of these commitments;

- (b) Review annually the Company's annual tax and monitor its approach to tax strategy, including tax reserves and potential reassessments and audits; and
- (c) Receive quarterly updates with respect to the Company's financial obligations, loans, credit facilities, credit position and financial liquidity.

#### 2. Governance

- (a) On behalf of the Committee, the Chair shall review all public disclosure containing material financial information based on interim financial statements that have not yet been publicly released. Information that is derived from material financial information and that has been previously approved by the Board or the Committee and been publicly released does not require further approval of the Board, the Committee or the Chair of the Committee.
- (b) Review with management and the Manager at least annually the approach and nature of financial information and earnings guidance to be disclosed to analysts and, if applicable, rating agencies.
- (c) Review quarterly with management and the Manager, and, if necessary, outside legal advisors, significant legal, compliance or regulatory matters that may have a material effect on the Company's financial statements.
- (d) Annually discuss with the external or internal auditors their perception of the Company's financial and accounting personnel, any recommendations that the external or internal auditors may have, including those contained in the management letter, with respect to improving internal financial controls, choice of accounting principles or management reporting systems, and review all management letters from the external auditors together with written responses thereto.
- (e) To the extent not reviewed by the full Board, review with management and the Manager, the external auditors and, as necessary, external legal counsel, any litigation, claim or contingency, including tax assessments, that could have a material effect upon the financial position of the Company, and the manner in which these may be or have been disclosed in the financial statements.
- (f) Receive annually an IT update from the Manager, focused on IT systems that support the business including cybersecurity programs in place to address potential cyber threats.
- (g) Review annually the fees of the Manager to confirm compliance with the Management and Operational Services Agreement.
- (h) Review annually the Manager's processes relating to the assessment of potential fraud, programs and controls to mitigate the risk of fraud and the processes put in place for monitoring the risks within targeted areas.
- (i) Require the Manager to maintain procedures for the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints relating to securities law, accounting, internal accounting controls, auditing or financial reporting matters, and potential ethical or legal violations.
- (j) Review all incidents, complaints or information reported through the Manager's Ethics Help Line addressed to the Committee or relating to potential or suspected material breaches of securities laws, accounting, internal accounting controls, auditing or financial reporting matters and any material ethical or legal violation and follow up with the Manager to confirm that the matter is investigated as required.
- (k) Establish procedures for the investigation of complaints or allegations, and, in respect of potentially material complaints or allegations, report to the Board thereon and ensure that appropriate action is taken as necessary to address such matter.
- (I) As required, review any changes to the Manager's policy with respect to its hiring policies for employees or former employees of the external auditors.
- (m) Report annually to shareholders on the work of the Committee during the year.

#### 3. Internal Audit

- (a) Review and consider, as appropriate, any significant reports and recommendations made by management's and/or the Manager's internal audit team relating to the assets of the Company.
- (b) Review annually the scope and plans for the work of the internal audit group, with respect to the Company's assets and require management and/or the Manager to undertake the internal audit work required to safeguard the assets of the Company.

- (c) Recognize and advise management and/or the Manager that their internal auditors shall have unfettered access to the Committee and shall meet in camera with such internal auditor.
- (d) Review, not less than annually, with management and the Manager the adequacy of the systems of internal control and procedures.

#### 4. Board Composition and Nomination

The Manager and the Company entered into the Governance and Cooperation Agreement (the "Governance Agreement") that provides, among other things, that the Manager shall be entitled to nominate a majority of the directors for so long as it holds greater than 35 per cent of the issued and outstanding Common Shares in the capital of the Company. The nominees of the Manager to the Board may be directors, officers or employees of the Manager or its affiliates, or other persons, at the Manager's discretion. Subject to the rights of the Manager pursuant to the Governance Agreement, the Committee shall:

- (a) Review, from time to time, the size, composition and profile of the Board, taking into account succession planning, geographical representation, disciplines, professional experience, strategy and direction of the Company and other matters it considers appropriate and which may affect the dynamics of the boardroom, and recommend to the Board any changes to the size, composition or profile of the Board as determined appropriate by the Committee.
- (b) Review and propose to the Board for approval, criteria for selecting new directors, after considering the competencies and skills the Board possesses, as a whole, the competencies and skills of each director, and the needs of the Company going forward, including its strategic direction, and determine from this review the competencies and skills that each new nominee should bring to the Board.
- (c) In selecting candidates for the Board, the Committee shall consider individuals from diverse backgrounds, having regard to gender, ethnicity, age, business experience, professional expertise, personal skills, stakeholder perspectives and geographic background. These factors will be considered based on the direction of the Company and with the goal of creating a diverse board that together can provide insight, oversight and foresight to benefit the Company.
- (d) Annually prepare and circulate a questionnaire that identifies the skills, education and experience of each current director and those factors needed to promote diversity and to lead the strategic direction of the Company, and present such results to the Board.
- (e) Review annually the qualifications of person(s) proposed for election to the Board.

#### E. COMPLIANCE AND POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE

- (a) The responsibilities of the Committee comply with applicable Canadian laws and regulations, such as the rules of the Canadian Securities Administrators, and with the disclosure and listing requirements of the Toronto Stock Exchange, as they exist on the date hereof. This Charter is reviewed annually to confirm compliance with such standards.
- (b) The Committee may, at the request of the Board or on its own initiative, investigate such other matters as are considered necessary or appropriate in carrying out its mandate.

#### **Appendix "B" Glossary of Terms**

This Annual Information Form includes the following defined terms:

"Ada Tracking Preferred Shares" means the Class F Preferred Shares of TA Power, the terms of which effectively entitle the holders of such preferred shares to the free cash flow from the Ada cogeneration facility through dividends, based on the pre-tax net earnings generated by the Ada cogeneration facility, and the return of capital.

"AESO" means the Alberta Electric System Operator.

"AUC" means the Alberta Utilities Commission.

"AU\$" means Australian dollars.

"Australian Assets" refers to (1) the Parkeston facility, (2) the four natural-gas and diesel-fired generation facilities that make up Southern Cross Energy, (3) the Fortescue River Gas Pipeline, (4) South Hedland and (5) before being repurchased by FMG on Nov. 1, 2017, the Solomon facility.

"Australian Tracking Preferred Shares" means the Class A Preferred Shares in the capital of TA Energy, the terms of which, together with the preferred shares in the capital of TEA held by the Company, effectively entitle the holders of such preferred shares with an economic interest based on the cash flows broadly equal to the underlying net distributable profits of TEA.

"Balancing Pool" means the Balancing Pool that was established in 1999 by the Government of Alberta to help manage the transition to competition in Alberta's electricity industry.

"BC Hydro" means the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority.

"Big Level and Antrim Tracking Preferred Shares" means the Class B Preferred Shares of TA Power, the terms of which effectively entitle the holders of such preferred shares to the free cash flow from the Big Level and Antrim wind facilities through dividends, based on the pre-tax net earnings generated by the Big Level and Antrim wind facilities, and the return of capital.

"Board" or "Board of Directors" means the board of directors of the Company.

"CBCA" means the Canada Business Corporations Act.

"CCIR" means the Carbon Competitiveness Incentive Regulation, a GHG regulatory scheme that replaced the Specified Gas Emitters Regulation ("SGER") on Jan. 1, 2018.

"CHD" means Canadian Hydro Developers, Inc.

"Class B Shares" means the class B shares in the capital of the Company.

"CO<sub>2</sub>e" means carbon dioxide equivalent.

"CO<sub>2</sub>e/MWh" means carbon dioxide equivalent per megawatt hour.

"Common Shares" means common shares in the capital of the Company.

"Company" means TransAlta Renewables Inc.

"CPI" means the consumer price index published monthly in Statistics Canada Publication 62-001-X "The Consumer Price Index."

"Demand Registration" has the meaning ascribed to such term under the heading "Employee and Governance Matters – Investor Liquidity Agreement" in this AIF.

"ecoENERGY" means ecoENERGY for Renewable Power, an incentive program sponsored by the Canadian federal government to encourage the development of clean power generation projects.

"EcoLogo" means Environment Canada's Environmental Choice program. EcoLogo certification is granted to products with environmental performance that meets or exceeds all government, industrial safety and performance standards; thus offering public assurance that the facilities from which power is generated are low impact and non-polluting.

"EPCs" are Emission Performance Credits that are generated by regulated facilities in Alberta (one tonne of reduced  $CO_2e$  is equal to one EPC).

"FMG" means Fortescue Metals Group Limited.

"G&A Reimbursement Fee" means the annual fee we pay TransAlta in connection with the services provided under the Management and Operational Services Agreement that is meant to cover TransAlta's management, administrative, accounting, planning and other head office costs associated with providing services to us under the Management and Operational Services Agreement.

"Governance and Cooperation Agreement" means the governance and co-operation agreement between the Company and TransAlta dated Aug. 9, 2013.

"GW" means gigawatt, or 1,000 megawatts.

"IESO" means Independent Electricity System Operator.

"Initial Assets" means the wind and hydroelectric power generation assets held by Western Sustainable Power Inc. and CHD indirectly acquired by the Company pursuant to the Purchase and Sale Agreement.

"Investor Liquidity Agreement" means the investor liquidity agreement between TransAlta and the Company dated Aug. 9, 2013.

"IPPs" means independent power producers.

"kW" means kilowatt, or 1,000 watts.

"Lakeswind Tracking Preferred Shares" means the Class D Preferred Shares of TA Power, the terms of which effectively entitle the holders of such preferred shares to the free cash flow from the Lakeswind wind facility through dividends, based on the pre-tax net earnings generated by the Lakeswind wind facility, and the return of capital.

"LTCs" means long-term contracts.

"Management and Operational Services Agreement" means the management, administrative and operational services agreement between the Company and TransAlta dated Aug. 9, 2013, as amended.

"Mass Solar Tracking Preferred Shares" means the Class C Preferred Shares of TA Power, the terms of which effectively entitle the holders of such preferred shares to the free cash flow from the Mass Solar facility through dividends, based on the pre-tax net earnings generated by the Mass Solar facility, and the return of capital.

"Merchant Facilities" means those generating facilities that formed part of the Initial Assets and whose power had been sold on a merchant basis prior to Aug. 9, 2013.

"Merchant Subsidiaries" means certain subsidiaries of the Company that were Merchant Facilities immediately prior to Aug. 9, 2013, and "Merchant Subsidiary" is any one of them.

"MW" means megawatt, or 1,000 kilowatts.

"MWh" means megawatt hour.

"NI 52-110" means National Instrument 52-110 Audit Committees.

"North Carolina Tracking Preferred Shares" means the Class H Preferred Shares of TA Power, the terms of which effectively entitle the holders of such preferred shares to the free cash flow from the North Carolina Solar facility through dividends, based on the pre-tax net earnings generated by the North Carolina Solar facility, and the return of capital.

"Offset Credit" means a carbon emission credit in units of tonnes of  $CO_2$ e able to be used as an alternative carbon compliance mechanism to avoid carbon obligation costs from a large emitters GHG regulation. Credits are generated by completing an emission-reduction project pursuant to a regulator-approved-quantification methodology to identify the creditable GHG reductions.

"PPA" means power purchase agreement.

"Preferred Shares" means preferred shares in the capital of the Company, issuable in one or more series.

"Purchase and Sale Agreement" means the purchase and sale agreement dated Aug. 9, 2013, between the Company and TransAlta pursuant to which the Company acquired all of the issued and outstanding shares of CHD and Western Sustainable Power.

"RECs" means renewable energy credits and refers to all right, title, interest and benefit in and to any credit, reduction right, offset, allocated pollution right, emission reduction allowance, renewable attribute or other proprietary or contractual right, whether or not tradable, resulting from the actual or assumed displacement or reduction of emissions, or other environmental characteristic, from the production of one MWh of electrical energy from a facility utilizing certified renewable energy technology.

"Sarnia facility" means the 499 MW combined-cycle cogeneration facility in Sarnia, Ontario.

"SGER" means the Specified Gas Emitters Regulation, a GHG regulatory scheme launched by the Government of Alberta.

"Skookumchuck Tracking Preferred Shares" means the Class G Preferred Shares of TA Power, the terms of which effectively entitle the holders of such preferred shares to the free cash flow from the Skookumchuck wind facility through dividends, based on the pre-tax net earnings generated by the Skookumchuck wind facility, and the return of capital.

"TA Energy" means TA Energy Inc., a corporation incorporated pursuant to the federal laws of Canada.

"TA Power" means TransAlta Power Ltd., a corporation incorporated pursuant to the federal laws of Canada.

"TEA" means TransAlta Energy (Australia) Pty Ltd, an Australian corporation.

"TEC LP" means TEC Limited Partnership, a limited partnership formed pursuant to the laws of Alberta.

"TIER" means the Technology Innovation and Emissions Reduction system, a GHG regulatory scheme launched by the Government of Alberta that replaced CCIR effective Jan. 1, 2020.

"TransAlta" means TransAlta Corporation, a corporation incorporated pursuant to the federal laws of Canada.

"TransAlta PPA" means the power purchase agreements between TransAlta and the Company providing for the purchase by TransAlta, for a fixed price, of all of the power produced by the Merchant Facilities. The initial price payable in 2013 by TransAlta for output was \$30.00/MWh for wind facilities and \$45.00/MWh for hydro facilities, and these amounts are adjusted annually for changes in the Consumer Price Index.

"TSX" means the Toronto Stock Exchange.

"Wyoming Wind Tracking Preferred Shares" means the Class A Preferred Shares of TA Power, the terms of which effectively entitle the holders of such preferred shares to the free cash flow from the Wyoming wind facility through dividends, based on the pre-tax net earnings generated by the Wyoming wind facility, and the return of capital.

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