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Robert Apold CEO, Natural Forces Developments Limited Partnership 1205-1801 Hollis Street Halifax, NS B3J 3N4

Dear Mr. Apold:

RE: Environmental Assessment – Natural Forces Developments Limited – Westchester Wind Project – Cumberland County, Nova Scotia

The environmental assessment of the proposed Westchester Wind Project in Cumberland County, Nova Scotia has been completed.

This is to advise that I have approved the above project in accordance with Section 40 of the Nova Scotia *Environment Act*, S.N.S., 1994-95 and subsection 13(1)(b) of the Environmental Assessment Regulations, N.S. Reg. 348/2008, made under the Act. Following a review of the information provided by Natural Forces Developments Limited, and the information provided by Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia, and the public during consultation on the environmental assessment, I am satisfied that any adverse effects or significant environmental effects of the undertaking can be adequately mitigated through compliance with the attached terms and conditions.

If you have any questions regarding the approval of this project, please contact Helen MacPhail, Supervisor, Environmental Assessment Branch, at (902) 483-2696 or <u>Helen.MacPhail@novascotia.ca</u>.

Sincerely

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c: Helen MacPhail, Supervisor, Environment and Climate Change