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Mark Savory, Executive Vice President, Project Delivery Bear Lake Wind Power Project c/o EverWind Fuels Limited 1969 Upper Water Street, Suite 201 Purdy's Wharf II Halifax, NS B3J 2V1

Dear Mark Savory:

RE: Environmental Assessment – Bear Lake Wind Limited - Bear Lake Wind Power Project - Hants, Halifax and Lunenburg Counties, Nova Scotia

The environmental assessment of the proposed Bear Lake Wind Power Project in Hants, Halifax and Lunenburg Counties, Nova Scotia has been completed.

This letter 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. 348/2022, made under the Act. Following a review of the information provided by Bear Lake Wind Limited, and the information provided by the 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.

In your Environmental Assessment Registration Document, you identified that much of your project is on Crown land which will require a Crown land lease. It will be important that you work with the Department of Natural Resources and Renewables to address and mitigate any impacts that may arise from your project given the naturally occurring uranium in the area.

If you have any questions regarding the approval of this project, please contact Bridget Tutty, Manager, Environmental Assessment Branch, at (902) 452-7891 or via email at Bridget.Tutty@novascotia.ca.

Sincerely,

Honourable Timothy Halman, MLA

Minister of Environment and Climate Change

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cc: Bridget Tutty, Environment and Climate Change