



Office of the Minister

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Danny Splettstosser, Secretary
Pockwock Wind GP, Ltd.
4845 Pearl East Circle,
Suite 200, Boulder, Colorado 80301, USA

Dear Mr. Splettstosser:

**Re: Environmental Assessment - Chebucto Pockwock Community Wind Project
Halifax Regional Municipality, Nova Scotia**

The environmental assessment of the proposed Chebucto Pockwock Community Wind Project in the Halifax Regional Municipality has been completed.

This letter is to advise that, pursuant to Section 13 (1)(a) of the Environmental Assessment Regulations, I have determined that the registration information provided is insufficient to allow me to make a decision and that I require additional information.

During the environmental assessment review it was determined that additional information is required concerning wetlands and the proposed project footprint. Information is required in the following areas:

- Provide sufficient rationale, analysis or data to address potential impacts incurred through loss of wetland function or hydrology posed by the project's infrastructure including turbine bases, access roads, substations or hydroelectric towers.
- Provide sufficient data and information to show why the current footprint and location of turbines, both individually and collectively have been selected versus other alternate locations within the proposed footprint (Site optimization).

Additional information may also be required with respect to potential adverse environmental effects of the Project in the event turbines are relocated to accommodate these objectives.

This information must be submitted by Pockwock Wind Limited Partnership within one year, as an Addendum to the original Registration Document. Upon submission of the information I will have 50 days to make my decision.

Pockwock Wind Limited Partnership must not commence the undertaking or any part thereof until the undertaking has been approved under Part IV of the *Environment Act*.

If you have any questions regarding this decision, please contact the Acting Manager, Environmental Assessment Branch, Ms. Helen MacPhail, at (902) 424-3960 or via e-mail at macphafh@gov.ns.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sterling Belliveau". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'S'.

Sterling Belliveau
Minister

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