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Ernestown Windpark Inc.
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Attention: Ms. Nhung Nguyen

Dear Ms. Nhung Nguyen,

In accordance with the Ministry of the Environment's (MOE's) Renewable Energy Approvals regulation (O.Reg.359/09), applicants are required to prepare a natural heritage assessment and environmental impact study using evaluation criteria or procedures established or accepted by the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR). The regulation requires MNR to confirm that the natural heritage assessment and environmental impact study, including mitigation measures, were prepared using established procedures acceptable to MNR. The MNR's confirmation letter, along with other required project documentation, must be submitted to MOE as part of an application for a Renewable Energy Approval for consideration by MOE in making their Renewable Energy Approval decision.

The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) has reviewed the natural heritage assessment and environmental impact study for Ernestown Windpark Inc.'s, Ernestown Wind Park, submitted October 1, 2012. Based on our review and understanding the aforementioned project is located Lot 27, Concession 2, Loyalist Township.

In accordance with sections 28(2) and 38(2)(b) of the Renewable Energy Approvals regulation, MNR provides the following confirmations following review of the natural heritage assessment reports:

1. The MNR confirms that the determination of the existence of natural features and the boundaries of natural features was made using applicable evaluation criteria or procedures established or accepted by MNR.
2. The MNR confirms that the site investigation and records review were conducted using applicable evaluation criteria or procedures established or accepted by MNR.
3. The MNR confirms that the evaluation of the significance or provincial significance of the natural features was conducted using applicable evaluation criteria or procedures established or accepted by MNR.
4. The MNR confirms that the project location is not in a provincial park or conservation reserve.
5. The MNR confirms that the environmental impact study report has been prepared in accordance with procedures established by the MNR.

In accordance with Section 28(3)(c) and 38(2)(c) of the Renewable Energy Approvals regulation, MNR offers the following comments in respect of the project:

1) The potential for ongoing risk of negative environmental effects has been identified in the natural heritage assessment (NHA). The project and potential effects will be monitored as outlined with the Environmental Impact Study Report to ensure that proposed mitigation strategies are effective and contingency measures have been included for instances where performance objectives are not met.

MNR is providing this confirmation letter based on the review of the information provided in your natural heritage assessment reports. Applicants should be aware of the transition provisions under section 62 of the amended Renewable Energy Approvals regulation and fulfill natural heritage assessment requirements accordingly.

Where specific commitments have been made by the applicant in the natural heritage assessment with respect to project design, construction, rehabilitation, operation, mitigation, or monitoring, MNR expects that these commitments will be considered in MOE's Renewable Energy Approval decision and, if approved, be implemented by the applicant.

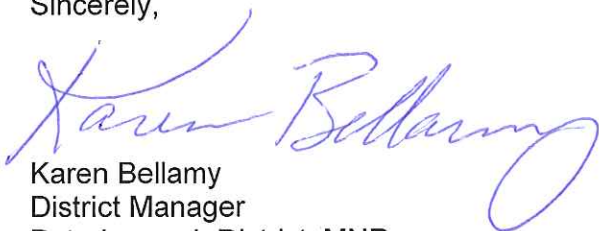
In accordance with Appendix D of MNR's NHA Guide, a commitment has been made to complete pre-construction assessment of habitat use for significant wildlife habitats assumed to be present within the project location. MNR has reviewed and confirmed the assessment methods and the range of mitigative options. Pending completion of the assessments and determination of significance, the appropriate mitigation is expected to be implemented, as committed to in the environmental impact study.

This confirmation letter is valid for the project as proposed in the natural heritage assessment and environmental impact study, including those sections describing the environmental effects monitoring plan and construction plan report. Should any changes be made to the proposed project that would alter the natural heritage assessment, MNR may need to undertake additional review of the natural heritage assessment.

In accordance with section 12(1) of the Renewable Energy Approvals Regulation, this letter must be included as part of your application submitted to the MOE for a Renewable Energy Approval.

If you wish to discuss any part of the confirmation or additional comments provided, please contact Eric R. Prevost, Renewable Energy Planning Ecologist, at (705) 755-3134.

Sincerely,



Karen Bellamy
District Manager
Peterborough District, MNR

cc. Sandra Guido, Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch, MOE