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Re: Environmental Assessment Registration Document Submission for the Westchester Wind Project

February 16, 2022

To Ms. Candace Quinn,

Natural Forces Developments Limited Partnership (Natural Forces) is pleased to submit the enclosed Environmental Assessment Registration Document and associated appendices for the proposed Westchester Wind Project (Project). The Project is being developed in partnership with Wskijnu’k Mtmo’taquow Agency Limited (the Agency), a corporate body wholly owned by the 13 Mi’kmaq bands in Nova Scotia. Together, Natural Forces and the Agency are developing the Project and they will co-own and operate the Project.

This submission has been prepared in accordance with the *Guide to Preparing an EA Registration Document for Wind Power Projects in Nova Scotia* guidance document dated October 2021. As such, this submission is being provided in hard copy and electronically. The electronic version is divided into separate documents to ensure clarity while satisfying the requirement that each document be no larger than 10 MB.

To facilitate review, below is a table of concordance to guide the reviewer in evaluating the minimum requirements as listed in Section 9(1A)(b) of the Environmental Assessment Regulations made under Section 49 of the *Environment Act* for this submission. A bank draft in the amount of the fee of \$11,146.40 as prescribed under the *Environment Act* has been provided with this submission.

Table of Concordance		
Minimum Requirement	Reference Section	Reference Document Name (electronic version)
(i) The name of the proposed undertaking	1.0 Proponent Description	Westchester Wind Project – EARD Section 0 Title Page to Section 1 Proponent Description
(ii) The location of the proposed undertaking	2.2 Geographical Location	Westchester Wind Project – EARD Section 2 Description of the Undertaking



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(iii) The name, address and identification of the proponent	1.0 Proponent Description	Westchester Wind Project – EARD Section 0 Title Page to Section 1 Proponent Description
(iv) A list of contact persons for the proposed undertaking and their contact information	1.0 Proponent Description	Westchester Wind Project – EARD Section 0 Title Page to Section 1 Proponent Description
(v) The name and signature of the Chief Executive Officer of a person with signing authority, if the proponent is a corporation	1.0 Proponent Description	Westchester Wind Project – EARD Section 0 Title Page to Section 1 Proponent Description
(vi) Details of the nature and sensitivity of the area surrounding the proposed undertaking	6.0 Valued Environmental Components (VECs)	Westchester Wind Project – EARD Section 6.1 Physical VECs Westchester Wind Project – EARD Section 6.2 Biophysical VECs Westchester Wind Project – EARD Section 6.3 Socioeconomic VECs
(vii) The purpose and need for the proposed undertaking	2.1 Project Overview and Purpose	Westchester Wind Project – EARD Section 2 Description of the Undertaking
(viii) The proposed construction and operation schedules for the undertaking	2.5 Schedule	Westchester Wind Project – EARD Section 2 Description of the Undertaking
(ix) A description of the proposed undertaking	2.0 Description of the Undertaking	Westchester Wind Project – EARD Section 2 Description of the Undertaking
(x) Environmental baseline information	6.0 Valued Environmental Components (VECs)	Westchester Wind Project – EARD Section 6.1 Physical VECs Westchester Wind Project – EARD Section 6.2 Biophysical VECs Westchester Wind Project – EARD Section 6.3 Socioeconomic VECs
(xi) A list of licences, certificates, permits, approvals and other forms of authorization that will be required for the proposed undertaking	9.0 Other Approvals Required	Westchester Wind Project – EARD Section 9 to 14 and Appendix Cover Pages
(xii) All sources of any public funding for the proposed undertaking	10.0 Funding	Westchester Wind Project – EARD Section 9 to 14 and Appendix Cover Pages



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(xiii) All steps taken by the proponent to identify the concerns of the public and aboriginal people about the adverse effects of the environmental effects of the proposed undertaking	3.0 Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia 4.0 Public Engagement	Westchester Wind Project - EARD Section 3 Mi'kmaq in Nova Scotia Westchester Wind Project - EARD Section 4 Public Engagement
(xiv) A list of all concerns expressed by the public and aboriginal people about the adverse effects or the environmental effects of the proposed undertaking	3.0 Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia 4.0 Public Engagement	Westchester Wind Project - EARD Section 3 Mi'kmaq in Nova Scotia Westchester Wind Project - EARD Section 4 Public Engagement
(xv) All steps taken or proposed to be taken by the proponent to address concerns of the public and aboriginal people identified under subclause (xiv)	3.0 Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia 4.0 Public Engagement	Westchester Wind Project - EARD Section 3 Mi'kmaq in Nova Scotia Westchester Wind Project - EARD Section 4 Public Engagement

Please do not hesitate to contact me if additional information is required or the reviewers have any questions. We would appreciate any opportunity to discuss and expand upon this application and the Westchester Wind Project prior to the determination being made for this submission.

We would like to thank you, the Environmental Assessment Branch and the rest of the Technical Review Committee for your time in reviewing this submission.

Sincerely,

Meg Morris
Development Manager
Natural Forces Developments Limited Partnership