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Mr. Neal Livingston, President Black River Wind Limited PO Box 55 Mabou, NS B0E 1X0

Dear Mr. Livingston:

Re: Environmental Assessment - Wind Energy Project, Creignish Rear Site

The environmental assessment of the Wind Energy Project, Creignish Rear Site has been completed.

This is to advise that I have approved the above project in accordance with Section 13(1)(b) of the *Environmental Assessment Regulations*, pursuant to Part IV of the *Environment Act*. I am satisfied following a review of the information provided by Black River Wind Limited, and through the government and public consultation as part of the environmental assessment, that any adverse effects or significant environmental effects of the undertaking can be adequately mitigated through compliance with the attached terms and conditions.

This letter in conjunction with the attached terms and conditions constitutes my approval. This approval is subject to any other approvals required by statute or regulation.

If you have any questions regarding the approval of this project, please contact the Acting Manager, Environmental Assessment Branch, Ms. Julie Towers at (902) 424-4155.

Sincerely yours,

original signed by

Kerry Morash Minister

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