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John Brereton
President
Natural Forces Wind Inc.
1801 Hollis St., Suite 1205
Halifax, NS B3J 3N4

Dear Mr. Brereton

Re: Hillside Boularderie Wind Farm

The environmental assessment of the proposed Hillside Boularderie Wind Farm, Cape Breton Regional Municipality, Nova Scotia, has been completed.

This is to advise that I have approved the above project in accordance with Section 40 of the *Environment Act*, S.N.S., 1994-95 and subsection 13(1)(b) of the *Environmental Assessment Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 348/2008, made under the Act. Following a review of the information provided by Natural Forces Wind Inc. and the information provided during the government and public consultation of 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.

This approval is subject to any other approvals required by statute or regulation, including but not limited to, approval under Part V of the Nova Scotia *Environment Act* (Approvals and Certificates section).

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

Sincerely,

Sterling Belliveau
Minister of Environment

Cc: Helen MacPhail