## Department of Environment

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Office of the Minister

Original dated March 27, 2012

Charles Demond, President North Cumberland Wind Farm LP c/o Pugwash Wind Farm Inc. PO Box 48155, RPO Mill Cove Bedford, NS B4A 3Z2

Dear Mr. Demond:

Re: Environmental Assessment – Pugwash Wind Farm, Cumberland County, Nova Scotia

The environmental assessment of the proposed Pugwash Wind Farm, Cumberland County, 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 North Cumberland Wind Farm LP, 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 <a href="mailto:macphafh@gov.ns.ca">macphafh@gov.ns.ca</a>.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Sterling Belliveau Minister of Environment

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