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Office of the Minister

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and

Heather Holland Nova Scotia power Incorporated PO B0x 910 Halifax NS B3J 2W5

Dear Ms. Torrey and Ms. Holland:

Re: Environmental Assessment - Sable Wind Project Guysborough County, Nova Scotia

The environmental assessment of the proposed Sable Wind Project, Guysborough 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. In recognition of the potential importance of this area to wildlife, I have included conditions that require bird and bat studies be completed and reviewed prior to any clearing and/or construction, to ensure that the project does not threaten these populations.

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,

Original Signed By

Sterling Belliveau Minister

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