Department of Environment

PO Box 442 Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 2P8 Our File Number: 10700-40 40100-30-192

Office of the Minister

Original Dated July 13, 2012

Rick Cecchetto, Bragg Group of Companies PO Box 220 Oxford NS B0M 1P0

Chris Peters, Minas Basin Pulp and Power Company Limited PO Box 401 Hantsport NS B0P 1P0

Heather Holland, Nova Scotia Power Incorporated PO Box 910 Halifax NS B3J 2W5

Dear Mr. Cecchetto, Mr. Peters and Ms. Holland:

Re: Environmental Assessment - South Canoe Wind Power Project Lunenburg County, Nova Scotia

The environmental assessment of the proposed South Canoe Wind Power Project, Lunenburg 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 the Bragg Group of Companies, Minas Basin Pulp and Power Company Limited and Nova Scotia Power Incorporated 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,

Original Signed By

Sterling Belliveau
Minister of Environment

Encl.